

RUSSIAN EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY

By

LOUIS S. BAUMAN, D.D.

Author of "Light from Bible Prophecy"



NEW YORK

Fleming H. Revell Company

LONDON AND EDINBURGH

Copyright, MCMXLII, by
FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

All rights reserved; no part of this book may be reproduced in any form without permission from the Publisher, except by a reviewer desiring to quote brief passages for inclusion in a notice to be inserted in a newspaper or periodical.

Printed in the United States of America

New York: 158 Fifth Avenue
London: 99 Anerley Road

To —
my dear old-fashioned
"Pennsylvania Dutch"
mother every drop of
whose blood came from
the veins of the sturdy
Christian stock who
gave this nation birth—
to my mother who taught
me on her knees to hate
tyrants and to love
freedom — to my mother,
who, before I was two
hours old, lifted me
up in her hands and
dedicated me to my
country my church,
my Saviour, and my
God — to my mother
of precious memory
I now dedicate this book
Louis D. Bauman

FOREWORD

Many of my friends have been asking if, in this ominous hour, I am writing anything concerning that which the "God in heaven that revealeth secrets" (Dan. 2:28) has revealed in His Word, if He has really revealed anything, about the part that Russia—that vast northern colossus—is to play upon the stage of human events as the sunset of Gentile dominion on this earth draws nigh. It is only at the urgent request of some of my friends who are, and cannot help but be, tremendously interested in the significance of the earth-shaking events now taking place that I set myself to this business. I am fully conscious of the fact that, in undertaking this task, I may bring down upon my head some severe criticism—most of it hasty and of prejudiced nature. I should certainly hesitate to undertake this task did I not know that the earnest prayers of some real saints of God are ascending for me, and that the Spirit of God will give light and understanding from above if only we humbly seek it for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Whose we are and Whom we serve.

Some time ago the *Evangelical Christian* spoke of "the bewildering stream" of tracts, books, and pamphlets, which flowed into that office, "all professing to interpret the books of Daniel and Revelation in the light of present-day events," spreading only confusion until "one's mind reels." But hasn't that same "bewildering stream" flowed, spreading confusion on the inspiration of the Word, the deity of our Lord, the meaning of the cross, the resurrection of His body, the personality of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the believer, salvation by grace, and every other precious truth God's Word reveals? What precious truth is there that the Father of Lies has not tried to mutilate, to bring into disrepute, or to drown in a confusion of voices?

The editor of the *Biblical Research Monthly*, about a year ago (May, 1941), captioned a main editorial thus: "Shall We Give Up the Study of Prophecy?" He went on to say:

"Recently I was in a book store talking with the manager about his selling certain of my volumes. Immediately he asked me if they dealt with prophecy. 'Yes,' I replied. Then he told me this story: A big business man, who is a fundamentalist, recently told him that he had been publishing volumes on prophecy by various writers who advocate contradictory theories with reference to the fulfillment of prophecy. Now, since the European situation has taken the turn that it has, so declared this publisher, the prophetic picture has changed entirely from that which has been advocated generally. Finally, he asserted, 'I am through with the subject of prophecy and will not have anything more to do with the publication and sale of prophetic books.' . . .

"Laymen have repeatedly told me that they listen to messages over the radio and sermons from the pulpit and read books on prophecy, but the more they hear and read the less they know about the subject, because there are so very many contradictory views advocated.

"Several ministers have stated that all of their sermons on prophecy have been rendered obsolete by the present turn of affairs and that they have had to discard them." . . .

Verily, I agree that clergymen whose "sermons on prophecy" are "rendered obsolete" by every "turn of affairs" are teachers who should cease from writing upon that great subject until they have better acquainted themselves with the Word of God, for *God's Word does not change*, neither is it rendered obsolete by the latest turn of the tide in the affairs of men. "Forever, O Jehovah, thy word is settled in heaven!"

Preliminary to my task, I wish to make several observations with regard to some recent criticisms coming from the pens of brethren whom I respect and love. For instance, recently there appeared in a magazine, itself devoted to the subject of Bible prophecy, an article under this heading, "The Forecasters Are Bankrupt." It was originally written for the *Believer's Magazine* (England) by a man of unquestioned piety. We quote the opening paragraph:

"Writers and speakers who profess to forecast from Scripture the developments and outcome of the present war make a wide

appeal and find a ready hearing. But one wonders to what purpose is their labour and to what profit? Speculation about the future, and even when it professes to be guided by Scripture, does not minister to godly living, and does obscure the Blessed Hope, even while professing to encourage it. Curiosity about the immediate future characterizes the world in which flourish the palmist, the teacup reader, the crystal gazer, the astrologer and others of their tribe, and the Christian is too often influenced unconsciously by the spirit of the age. It is possible to be occupied with Antichrist and miss Christ, to look around for 'the Lawless One' and fail to look up for the advent of 'the Righteous One.' The purpose of prophecy is not to enable us to foretell the future, but, as the Lord Himself said and repeated, 'These things have I spoken unto you, that when their hour is come ye may remember them, how that I have told you'; and, 'I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe' (John 16:4; 14:29)."

Those words come perilously near placing devout students of Bible prophecy in the same boat with "the palmist, the teacup reader, the crystal gazer, the astrologer, and others of their tribe." Apparently the writer would have us believe there is little or no profit in the study of the prophecies of the Bible, and that those who would study and teach those prophecies are given to "*speculation* about the future" which "does not minister to godly living, and does obscure the Blessed Hope."

Now, I frankly admit that there is a lot of quack preaching and writing on Bible prophecy. Probably no Biblical theme is so fearfully manhandled and mangled, abused and misused. More and more of it rolls off presses that have their eyes only upon some possible shekels. Many, in their zeal to show forth a superior acumen by discovering some new thing in the prophetic realm, and to obtain a reputation for special wisdom in things divine, go far beyond the divine revelation, set dates for the advent of our Lord, and, prophesying out of their own hearts, bring the whole subject into disrepute. But truth always has so to suffer. No human being can know of himself what the morrow will bring forth, and in the domain of prophecy where God has not plainly spoken, silence is golden indeed!

One might ask some pertinent questions of some of our

brethren who are so fearful of doing violence to truth, obscuring the "Blessed Hope," and "occupying one's self with Antichrist" so as to "miss Christ," all of which we frankly admit can be done. But just why did God in His revelation give us so much of prophecy dealing with coming events in the world of men? If the prophetic Word cannot be interpreted or understood by men, does not God condemn Himself by His own utterance: "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air" (I Cor. 14:8 & 9 A.V.).

And if the study of the prophecies "does not minister to godly living, and does obscure the Blessed Hope," then just what did the apostle Peter have in mind when he said: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; *whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts*" (II Peter 1:19 A.V.)? And anent our own attempt now to write of one called "Gog," why did the Holy Spirit inspire the prophet Ezekiel to write of Gog at all if the prophecy defies any reasonable or correct interpretation, and is without profit?

If it be true that the interpreting of the prophecies of the Bible is without true "purpose" or real "profit," and "does not minister to godly living," then just why was John sent to Patmos to behold and to "write . . . *the things which shall come to pass hereafter*" (Rev. 1:19)? And what are we to believe as to "the testimony of Jesus Christ" concerning a book that is almost wholly prophetic, "*Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein*" (Rev. 1:3)?

However, let me say I heartily agree with the *Evangelical Christian* when it says: "Before any one writes a book on prophecy these days he should spend a long time in prayer for divine guidance and illumination, and ask the Lord, if He wishes him to write, to sanctify his common sense."

This, I trust I have done!

L. S. B.

Long Beach, Cal.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
I. THE GREAT PROPHECY CONCERNING GOG	17
The text quoted. Ezekiel xxxviii and xxxix.	
II. GOG "INSPECTED" AND IDENTIFIED—RUSSIA	22
Thou shalt be visited, i.e., inspected. Does close inspection reveal Gog in skin of Russian bear? Gog and Magog, northern powers. The Caucasus, "Gog's Fort." Is "Gog" Russia? Testimonies from Josephus—Webster—Lowth—Gesenius—Watson— <i>Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia</i> . Gog's place: "The uttermost parts of the north." Dr. Peters' error concerning Gog. Meaning of name "Gog." The "Gog" and "Magog" of Ezekiel vs. the "Gog and Magog" of St. John.	
III. THE LATTER-DAY ALLIES OF GOG	29
Gog a "commander." Persia. Cush. "Ethiopia" of Ezekiel, A.V., not in Africa. Put, not modern Libya of Africa. Gomer. Is Gomer Germany? Quotation from Gibbon. German Jews called Ashkenazim. The Cimmerians called Gimirrai. Quotations concerning Gomer from <i>Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia</i> —Josephus—Jewish <i>Talmud</i> —Gaebelein—Watson—Sale-Harrison— <i>International Standard Bible Encyclopædia</i> —Webster's <i>New International Dictionary</i> —Panton— <i>Encyclopædia Britannica</i> . Togarmah. Tribes in Central Asia. Turkey.	
IV. GOG'S WAR ON GOD	39
Gog's profanities. Bakunin's "New Gospel." Grand Prince Vladimir introduces "Christianity" into Russia. The Communist reign begins. Official Russia's first step in war on God. Religious liberty in Russia restricted. Communism and the Bible. Statistics as to Bibles sold. Decree No. 96. Members in Communist Party restricted to the purely godless. Churches and	

	PAGE
chapels profaned. Poland, after the Soviets marched in. Latvia. Lithuania. Estonia. Science, the Russian god.	
V. IS GOG'S HEART SOFTENING?	47
Effect of present World War. New York <i>World</i> cables Stalin. No room in Communist Party for true believers. Maxim Litvinov extends "cordial welcome" to Dr. Frank Norris to hold evangelistic campaign in Russia. The Hamilton Fish Report. <i>The Atheist At His Bench</i> testifies. Communism against President Coolidge. Communism continues war against religion. Testimony from the <i>Pravda</i> . Yaroslavsky's plans announced. "We are against God!"	
VI. GOG'S "WAR WITHOUT QUARTER"	56
Statistics on Gog's massacres. The Soviet's refusal of justice to their victims. The overwhelming impulse of Sovietism. Gog slays 42,800 clergymen. Felix Dzerzhinsky out-Neronizes Nero. Two worlds are clashing. Lunacharsky's doctrine of hate. Lenin, student of Marx.	
VII. COMMUNISTIC PROFANATIONS	61
Moscow posters. "The most blasphemous cartoon ever printed." Gog's anti-God "Five-Year Plan." Five-Year Plan decree. The Soviet executes 3,000,000 people. "Human gloves." 25,000,000 youth become anti-Christ. Hitler or Stalin—which? Attitude of Nazism to the clergy.	
VIII. GOG WARS ON MORALITY	65
Communism wars on mother, home, and heaven. The Soviet propagates free-loveism. Communism seeks release from "sexual repressions and religious feelings of guilt." Stalin's free-loveism.	
IX. GOG AT THE BAR OF HUMAN JUDGMENT	72
Winston Churchill speaks. Likewise, Arthur M. Hyde, Bainbridge Colby, Charles Evans Hughes,	

Hamilton Fish, Herbert Hoover, Will Durant. The
Latvian Information Bulletins. President Roosevelt.

X.	ANY AMERICAN OR BRITISH ALLIANCE WITH GOG IS ABNORMAL	78
	The statement of the President of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America on religious freedom in Russia. The "four freedoms." Robert A. Taft comments. America's abnormal alliance with Russia. "State organized" famine in the Ukraine. Stalin's thirst for blood. Comment by Joseph Cohn. Lady Marley sings Russia's praise. America's greatest danger. Divine warning against an evil alliance. When Garfield stilled the mob.	
XI.	HAS GOG BEEN CONVERTED?	88
	Stalin's hypocrisy. "Our allies!" Communist Sunday-school hymn. Blasphemous poem. Communist meeting in Pasadena. When man deifies man. Phal-lacism. Lenin, a mummified god. Will Lenin resurrected be Antichrist? Lenin's death. Worship of Stalin.	
XII.	GOG HOOKED IN HIS JAWS	95
	God's power over dictators. Nebuchadnezzar's experience. The four horsemen.	
XIII.	GOG'S HORSES AND HORSEMEN	99
	The horses of the "king of the north." Russia's horses. The Cossacks. Advantage of cavalry in modern warfare. "Hitler cannot conquer Russia."	
XIV.	GOG'S PREPARATION FOR WAR	104
	Joel's significant prophecy. The modernistic dream: "We men of earth here have the stuff," etc. Beating plowshares into swords. <i>Stalin's Ural Stronghold</i>. Gog creates war-mindedness. "Education for Death" taught in Germany.	

	PAGE
XV. ISRAEL'S LAND THE LOADSTONE OF THE NATIONS	114
A modernist devaluates Palestine. Recent discovery of Palestine's natural resources. Palestine's fruitfulness. Riches of the Dead Sea. Palestine, "the navel of the earth." The dream of Peter the Great.	
XVI. ISRAEL'S MOURNFUL SOJOURN IN KEDAR AND MESHECH	123
Israel sojourns "in the tents of Kedar." Israel sojourns in Meshech (Russia). Soviets hate the Jews. Jewish Communists renegades, or Jew against Jew. The present lull. The Jew faces an anti-Semitic world. The prophet's vision of Israel's enemies. Gog follows "an evil thought."	
XVII. GOG GOES TO PREY UPON THE JEWS	130
Abraham's land inviting to the Jews. The Jew can be proud of his enemies. "Hated . . . for my name's sake." The final anti-Semitic outburst of our age. The "chosen" "seeds." The prophetic picture of Israel's coming glory.	
XVIII. THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS AND THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST	137
Two events not comprehended in Ezekiel's prophecy. (1) The translation of the saints. Paul's vision (II Thess. 4:13-18). Isaiah's vision (26:19-21). (2) The rise of the Antichrist.	
XIX. SHEBA, DEDAN, TARSHISH AND "THE YOUNG LIONS THEREOF"	142
Sheba. Dedan. Tarshish. Dr. Rimmer's challenge. Tarshish and the cartographers. The importance of identifying Tarshish. Tarshish and the Bible dictionaries. Is Tarshish Great Britain? The "young lions" of Tarshish. The protest to Gog.	

XX. A WARNING TO AMERICA 152

America, Awake! Our political, moral, and spiritual inheritances are at stake. Our "fighting alliance" with Russia. If Stalin wins this war—then what? Is protesting against alliance with Russia disloyal? Pegler speaks. Will Russia be the jailers of the Germans? Martin Dies warns against Russia. "Put none but Americans on guard tonight"—George Washington. Americans puzzled. Earl Browder case. Molotov comes to America, visits Roosevelt. America's and Britain's new "Agreement" with Russia.

XXI. GOG'S INVASION OF ISRAEL'S LAND 161

Verse by Byron. Gog decrees Israel must go. Gog throngs down into the land. Gog shaken by earthquake. Earthquake a significant sign. The earthquake foretold by Ezekiel not the "great earthquake" beheld by St. John. All nations to be shaken. That alone remains which cannot be shaken.

XXII. ANTICHRIST, THE "SWORD OF GOD" FOR THE JUDGMENT OF GOG 169

God calls for a sword against Gog. Audacity of Gog. Stalin's slogan. Clash of supernatural forces. Antichrist, God's "sword" for destruction of Gog? Belief in the revival of the Roman Empire reaffirmed. Famous scholars who believed in the revival of the Roman Empire. Ten toes. Ten horns. Roman Empire in "divided" form. Final clash of armies of earth a spiritual warfare. Gog god-less. Roman Empire God-less. Antichrist marches through "glorious land" into Egypt. "Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him." God calls for a "sword." Antichrist backtracks into Palestine. Antichrist and Gog meet. Antichrist the victor. For "seven months . . . the house of Israel" enjoys burying Gog.

XXIII. "THE KINGS THAT COME FROM THE SUNRISING" 177

Japan. China. When are nations subjects of prophecy? Japan and other nations of "the sunrising" must "go west."

	PAGE
XXIV. THE "BATTLE OF GOG" VS. THE "BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON"	180
Many teachers confuse "battle of Gog" with "battle of Armageddon." The two battles contrasted.	
XXV. THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS OVERTHROW AT ARMAGEDDON	184
The enthronement of God-less religion. Irreligion receives its deathblow with overthrow of Gog. The god-less isms perish. A god but not <i>The</i> God exalted. Supernaturalism comes to the fore. God-less religion creates a worse state than no religion. Civil power more kindly than "religious" power. Antichrist enthrones supernaturalism. Antichrist becomes the world's god. A sad awakening for the Jews. Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace a type. The battle of Armageddon. Bonar's Poem: "The Day After Armageddon."	

I

THE GREAT PROPHECY CONCERNING GOG

That no one shall read this book without having before his eyes as he reads, the exact words of Ezekiel's great prophecy concerning Gog (which I believe to be none other than the Russian nation), I take the time and space to quote here the entire prophecy. I shall use the Standard American Edition of the Revised Version of the Bible, which is accepted by scholars as being the translation truest to the original text:

Ezekiel XXXVIII.

And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying,

Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

And say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

And I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords:

Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet;

Gomer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with thee.

Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is

18 GREAT PROPHECY CONCERNING GOG

brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.

And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device:

And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates;

To take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth.

Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it?

And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army;

And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land: it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring thee against them?

And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come

against the land of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils.

For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

So that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

And I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

Ezekiel XXXIX.

And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal:

And I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel;

And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell securely in the isles; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.

Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah; this is the day whereof I have spoken.

And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years;

So that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog.

And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land.

Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land, and, with them that pass through, those that bury them that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search.

And they that pass through the land shall pass through; and when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.

And Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side

to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood.

Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord Jehovah.

And I will set my glory among the nations; and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

So the house of Israel shall know that I am Jehovah their God, from that day and forward.

And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword.

According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid my face from them.

Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name.

And they shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them afraid;

When I have brought them back from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations.

And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there;

Neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

II

GOG "INSPECTED" AND IDENTIFIED—RUSSIA

Gog "Inspected."

One of the most intensely interesting statements in Ezekiel's prophecy concerning Gog is a part of it usually overlooked by the commentator. Of Gog, God says: "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel" (Ezekiel 38:8). Now, the Hebrew word, *paqad*, translated by our English word, "*visited*," is most often used to signify *inspection*. We note that in *Young's Concordance*, the only translation given the word *paqad* is "*to look over, or after, inspect.*" Therefore, we can properly read: "After many days [in the latter years] thou shalt be inspected"—*visited* for *inspection*! It is as though God had said, "In the last days I will turn the spotlight upon Gog!" And the writer is just simple-minded enough to believe that God's Word stands—that "the Scripture cannot be broken"—and that in these last days a close inspection of Ezekiel's "Gog" reveals him within the skin of the great Russian Bear! But, we must not be left to careless speculation, and to uncertain guesswork in this important matter.

Gog Identified.

Our task now, and the most important part of our task as a whole, is to identify beyond controversy, if we can, this great latter-day adversary of our God and of His people Israel.

The footnote on Ezekiel 38:2 ("Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal") in the *Scofield Bible* declares:

"That the primary reference is to the northern (European) powers, headed up by Russia, all agree. . . . 'Gog' is the prince,

'Magog,' his land. The reference to Meshech and Tubal (Moscow and Tobolsk) is a clear mark of identification."

When Scofield says, "*All agree*," he is not quite correct, for there are a number of writers and would-be writers on Bible prophecy who do not "agree" that "Gog" in Ezekiel's prophecy is a name to be applied to Russia. Therefore, this is one point on which we must have some very definite information before we can proceed in this exposition with any degree of certainty.

Magog was the second son of Japheth (Gen. 10:1, 2), one of the three sons of Noah. Before the dawn of secular history his descendants seem to have inhabited exclusively the region of the Caucasus and of northern Armenia. L. Sale-Harrison says in his booklet, *The Coming Great Northern Confederacy*: "It is interesting to note that the very word 'Caucasus' means 'Gog's Fort.' 'Gog' and 'Chasan' (Fort) are two Oriental words from which it is derived." "Interesting"? Indeed! When you stop to think that the great Nazi war machine that rolled so easily and victoriously over Europe was stopped cold in its tracks (January, 1942)—stopped just as it moved into the shadow of "Gog's Fort"—it is interesting! Adolf Hitler knows the strength and the terror of that "Fort!"

Josephus, the great Jewish historian (Book I, Chapter VII), contemporaneous with Christ, said: "Magog founded those that from him were named Magogites, but who by the Greeks were called Scythians." The early Christian Church fathers, Theodoret and Jerome, agree with Josephus. The Scythians themselves have a tradition that their ancestors originally came forth from Araxes, in Armenia. This concurs with the divine record which places the immediate descendants of Noah in Armenia. Historically speaking, the Scythians (Magogites) must have emigrated northward in very early times. Historians agree that the Magogites were divided into two distinct races, one Japhetic, or European, and the other Turanian, or Asiatic.

The Japhetic race comprised those whom the Greeks and Romans call Sarmatians, but who, in modern times, are called Slavs or Russians. The Sarmatians were a mixture of Medes and Scythians who coalesced and emigrated in small bands into

the regions north of the Black Sea and extending from the Baltic Sea to the Ural mountains.

The Turanian race comprised those Asiatic Magogites (Scythians) who dwelt upon the great plateau of Central Asia, from whence they emigrated and spread out over the immense plain of northern Asia and northern Europe. Today their descendants are known as Tartars, Cossacks, Finns, Kalmuks, and Mongols.

Webster says: "Gog," meaning "a height," or a "high mountain," seems to have been a kingly title for "the ruler of Magog."

Our Lord's own Bible, the *Septuagint*, like our American Revised Version, speaks of "Gog" as "the prince of Rosh." If modern lexicographers are consulted as to what nation now represents "Rosh," nearly all of them, together with most expositors, say, Russia.

The learned and devout Robert Lowth, Bishop of London, two hundred years ago (long before modern Bible students began discussing to any extent the prophetic significance of world events in the light of Bible prophecy), wrote: "Rosh, taken as a proper name in Ezekiel, signifies the inhabitants of Scythia, from whom the modern Russians derived their modern name." The name "Russia" dates only from the seventeenth century and was formed from the ancient name "Russ."

Another early scholar, the eminent German Protestant Hebraist, Gesenius, whose Hebrew Lexicon has never been superseded, says that "Gog" is "undoubtedly the Russians." He declared that "Rosh" was a designation for the tribes then north of the Taurus mountains, dwelling in the neighborhood of the Volga, and he held that in this name and tribe we have the first trace in history of the "Russ," or Russian nation. Gesenius also identified "Meshech" as Moscow, the capital of modern Russia in Europe. "Tubal" he identified as Tobolsk, the earliest province of Asiatic Russia to be colonized, and, also, the name of the city wherein Peter the Great built the old fortress after the pattern of the Kremlin at Moscow. *Moscow* bespeaks *Russia in Europe*, and, *Tobolsk* bespeaks *Russia in Asia*.

Richard Watson, in 1831, gave to the Christian world his

excellent work, the *Biblical and Theological Dictionary*. Therein do we read: "Magog signifies the country or people, and Gog the king of that country; the general name of the northern nations of Europe and Asia, or the districts north of the Caucasus, or Mount Taurus" (Pg. 417).

The *New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge* has this to say:

"A stricter geographical location would place Magog's dwelling between Armenia and Media, perhaps on the shores of the Araxes. But the people seem to have extended farther north across the Caucasus, filling there the extreme northern horizon of the Hebrews (Ezek. xxxviii. 15, xxxix. 2). This is the way Meshech and Tubal are often mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions (*Mushku and Tabal*, Gk. *Moschoi and Tibarenoi*)" (Vol. V, Pg. 14).

Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal were called Scythians by the ancient writers. As nomads they roamed over the territory to the north of the Caspian and Black Seas. They were known as barbarians of the wildest and fiercest sort. At the head of these barbaric hordes was the one called by the prophet "the prince of Rosh." Painsstaking research reveals the fact that the progenitor of Rosh was the Tiraz of Genesis 10:2, and that "Rosh" is none other than our modern Russia. So say the students of the prophetic Word through the centuries. "Rosh," "the prince," ruled over "Meshech" and "Tubal," which reappear on the pages of our modern geography as Moscow and Tobolsk.

It might be stated also that the country now known as Russia was formerly known also as Muscovy. The name "Muscovy" appears to have been derived from the Biblical word "Meshech." When "Ivan the Terrible" rose to power in 1533 he became the first ruler of Russia to assume the title, "Czar," which word was derived from the word "Cæsar." The Russian Empire, as such, was originally set up by the Muscovite Princes, who were the Grand Dukes of Moscow.

Without doubt, Russia is the only nation in the world today that can even approach the role that "Gog" is to play upon the stage of the nations as "the times of the Gentiles" draw to a

close. Without doubt, Russia will furnish the man—*not the Antichrist*—who will head up that which is known to most Bible students as "the great northeastern confederacy" of nations and lead it to its doom upon the hills of Israel's land.

Gog's Place: "The Uttermost Parts of the North."

Gog will be the head of some nation of which it is written: "Thou shalt come from thy place out of *the uttermost parts of the north*" (38:15). It is repeated: "I . . . will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north" (39:2).

It is very difficult to understand the interpretation of some of our brethren, for whose interpretations we usually have very high regard, who reject the idea that the "Gog" of Ezekiel is Russia. For instance, Dr. Geo. N. H. Peters, in his matchless work on the subject of *The Theocratic Kingdom* falls into what I believe to be a serious error in the interpretation of Ezekiel's prophecy. In *Proposition 161*, Dr. Peters says:

"No special stress can be laid on 'Gog,' for the simple reason that the name was applied to different nations, and can be found nearly all over Europe (through the inundations of the barbarians), and in part of Asia—and besides it may be a general name descriptive of an enemy" (Pg. 695, Vol. 2).

Did Dr. Peters mean to say that the nations "nearly all over Europe" can be properly located in the "uttermost parts of the north"? The "Gog" of Ezekiel's prophecy, and with whom we are concerned as I write this volume, can come *only* from his "*place out of the UTMOST PARTS of the north*"! If "Gog" is simply "a general (and not a specific) name descriptive of an enemy," did Dr. Peters mean to assume that any and all "general" enemies of God in the latter days will have Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer and Togarmah as allies in battle, and that the "general" enemies of God all must come out of the "uttermost parts of the north"? Are we to assume that the great latter-day enemies of the Christ *cannot* come out of Germany, or Italy, or France, or Turkey, or Arabia, or Japan, or elsewhere, since these nations certainly cannot be described as being "in the uttermost parts of the north"? I must insist that Russia, *and*

Russia alone, among all the nations of the earth, accurately occupies the *place* from which the "Gog" of Ezekiel's prophecy will march to his final doom.

***The "Gog" of St. John's Prophecy vs.
The "Gog" of Ezekiel's Prophecy.***

The word "Gog," so the etymologists inform us, literally means "high," or, "mountain." In the Scriptures a "mountain" is the symbol of a "kingdom." Therefore, the Holy Spirit's use of this word "Gog" in the prophecy would indicate a kingdom that will be "high"—a *mountainous power* among the nations. In Ezekiel (38:17) we read:

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Art thou [Gog] he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring thee against them?"

Apparently there were some prophets before Ezekiel's time who prophesied of "Gog." Some Bible scholars hold that "Gog" is in view in Numbers 24:7, where Balaam prophesied of Israel that in the latter-days "*his king shall be higher than Agag.*" The *Samaritan Codex* and the *Septuagint* have the word "Gog" instead of "Agog." It is believed that this name was borne by some giant king of Amalek known to the people of those days, even as Og was the giant king of Bashan.

Considerable confusion exists in the minds of many Bible students because they are prone to think of "Gog" and "Magog" in Ezekiel's prophecy as being the same as "Gog and Magog" in the book of the Revelation (20:8). But the two must not be confused. The "Gog" of Ezekiel is an enemy of God who is overthrown just before the millennial reign of Christ begins. The "Gog" of St. John is Satan's last great federation of all the anti-God forces of the earth in battle array against God at the very close of the millennial reign of Christ. In fact, the overthrow of Gog beheld by St. John is the closing scene of that reign. This last rebellion, witnessed by St. John, is conclusive proof that earthly blessedness will not make saints out of unregenerate men. Men are as prone to sin in stately mansions as

they are in poverty-stricken tenements. All of which means, "Ye must be born again"!

The "Gog" of Ezekiel comes "out of the uttermost parts of the north" (38:15). The "Gog" of St. John "shall come forth" from "the four corners of the earth" (Rev. 20:8).

The "Gog" of Ezekiel has a definite group of allies which emerge with "Gog" "out of the uttermost parts of the north," and most certainly are nations of central and eastern Europe, together with certain Asiatic nations. The "Gog" of St. John "shall come forth" from *all* "the nations which are in the four corners of the earth" (Rev. 20:8).

The "Gog" of Ezekiel is to be destroyed by "a sword . . . every man's sword . . . against his brother," together with "an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone" (38:21, 22). The "Gog" of St. John is to be destroyed wholly by fire falling out of the heavens as it is written: "*Fire came down out of heaven, and devoured them*" (Rev. 20:9). The same kind of a judgment ended Sodom's glory (Gen. 19:24).

The "Gog" of Ezekiel is to be given "a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east of the sea . . . and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them. . . . Yea, all the people of the land shall bury them . . . and they that pass through the land . . . when any seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog" (39:11, 12, 13, 15). But the "Gog" that St. John beheld passed from view as soon as "fire came down out of heaven, *and devoured them*" (Rev. 20:9). After *that* fire falls, there will be no carcasses to bury, nor bones by which to "set up a sign" (39:15)!

After the destruction of the "Gog" of Ezekiel, the children of Israel, "gathered . . . out of their enemies' lands, and . . . gathered . . . unto their own land" (39:27, 28),—"shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt" (Ezek. 37:25). After the destruction of "Gog," as seen by St. John, there will be no "*land . . . wherein your fathers dwelt*" left for Israel's habitation, "for the first

heaven and the first earth" will be "passed away" (Rev. 21:1). It was revealed to the apostle Peter that the old earth, which included Abraham's land, "shall *pass away* with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:10).

True, there will be a "new earth," but it could scarcely be said that in it there will still be "the land wherein your fathers have dwelt."

No! The Gog beheld by Ezekiel is not the Gog beheld by St. John.

III

THE LATTER-DAY ALLIES OF GOG

"Many peoples with thee" (38:15).

Vast were the allied hordes that the eye of the son of Buzi, in his vision, saw marching under the banner of Gog, when Gog shall begin his fatal march into the land of Judah. Gog is in the van on that march, for, after naming the allies of Gog, God speaks to him and says, "*Be thou a guard unto them*" (38:7). The marginal reading in the American Standard Revised Version gives this rendering: "Be thou a *commander* unto them." That settles one point: whoever Gog may be, he is to be a mighty military power *in full command* of a huge confederacy of northern nations. This should throw some light on the probable outcome of this present world convulsion. Russia, and not Germany, will be the "Fuehrer" of northern Europe when the smoke rolls away from above the gory battlefields of the present war, that is, IF we are nearing the sunset of Gentile dominion, as it seems we are. And whom, in the prophetic picture, can we discern as the allies of Gog?

"*Persia*." That name written all over the story of the world's early civilization, was changed to "Iran" in foreign usage only

seven years ago (March, 1935). Who "Persia" may be, in Ezekiel's prophecy none doubt. Persia's recent history is the story of shifting political alliances. As late as October, 1932, a very significant treaty was concluded and signed between Moscow and Persia. If the terms of this treaty are adhered to, then in case of an Anglo-Soviet war, Soviet forces will be allowed to pass, without resistance, through Persia to attack Mesopotamia. When the curfew of our age rings forth the bloody eventide of man's day, Persia will march to her doom with Gog as foretold. When the great German steam roller recently rolled over Crete and pointed its nose toward Iraq and Iran, it suddenly stopped dead in its tracks. Why? *God!* Russia—not Germany nor Great Britain—will possess the gates of this ancient land when the last scene on the stage of the nations is played. "*The scripture cannot be broken.*"

"*Cush.*" Frequently Bible students and teachers are confused because in Ezekiel's prophecy "Ethiopia" is named as an ally of Gog. They are a bit puzzled as to how the "Ethiopia" of which they know in these modern times can be an ally and march with Russia, when Russia is far away in "the uttermost parts of the north," while "Ethiopia" is far away down on the equator. It is strange that they do not pause to think that there might be different territories on the earth bearing the same name. The word "Ethiopia" literally means "*burned face*," referring, of course, to a dark-skinned people. It is to be noted that while the word "Ethiopians" in Daniel 11:43 of the Authorized Version remains "Ethiopians" in the American Standard Revised Version, yet, for very good reasons which they well understood, the revisers changed the word "Ethiopia" in Ezekiel 38:5 of the Authorized Version to "Cush" in the Revised Version.

Young, in his *Analytical Concordance*, lists the word "Ethiopia" in the Bible nine times as referring to "the country to the south of Egypt, and comprehended, in its widest sense, the modern Nubia, Sennar, Kordofan, and modern Abyssinia, but, in its more limited sense, only the kingdom of Meroe, from the junction of the White and Blue branches of the Nile to the south border of Egypt." But the name as it appear in eleven

other places in the Bible is listed separately "to denote the people who occupied the land of *Cush*."

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge (Vol. III, Pg. 328), says that "*Cush*" is:

"A tribal and place name appearing frequently in the Old Testament, in the versions generally rendered 'Ethiopia,' and until recently supposed always to refer to a region south of Egypt. Since the decipherment of the cuneiform inscriptions, and a more thorough examination of the historical inscriptions of Assyria, Babylonia, and Arabia, it has been discovered that the form may represent two other regions and peoples: (1) the inhabitants of a region east of central Babylonia, who were known as Kasshites or Kosshites (Gk. Kossaioi) and ruled Babylonia between the seventeenth and twelfth centuries B.C. (see Babylonia, VI, 5); (2) a land and people in northern Arabia. The discovery of the existence of the land of Muzri in Arabia and the supplementary discovery that the Hebrew text confused the country with Egypt (Heb. Mizraim) have cleared up many difficulties of exegesis."

Now let us turn to the *Encyclopædia Britannica* in its latest edition (1937), where in Vol. 6, Pg. 901, we read:

"CUSH, the eldest son of Ham, in the Bible, from whom seems to have been derived the name of the 'Land of Cush,' commonly rendered 'Ethiopia' by the *Septuagint* and the *Vulgate*. The exact territory thus designated is uncertain, some maintaining that it lies in Africa, in which case it will be the country to the south of Assouan, others that it is in Arabia, while a third view again associates the name with the 'Kassites,' who for some centuries dominated Babylonia. The various references suggest that the term may have been applied to districts in all three regions."

Since Ezekiel says of Gog: "*Thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north*, thou, and many peoples with thee" (38:15); and since "*Cush*" is one of the "many peoples" named as coming with Gog from out of "the uttermost parts of the north," it is quite evident that the "*Cush*" in Ezekiel's prophecy was not the "Ethiopia" of Africa but a country that was somewhere contiguous to Persia.

"Put." Of all the allies of Gog named by Ezekiel, the most difficult of identification is "Put," rendered in the Authorized Version "Libya." While the various Bible dictionaries, encyclopedias, and numerous expositors, look toward Egypt, we must accept the supreme authority and again look to "*the uttermost parts of the north*" as the only "place" from which all the allies of Gog emerge.

Moreover, the army that descends in that fatal hour upon "the land of Israel" is an army that must come "riding upon horses" (38:15)—even an army of "horses and horsemen" (38:4). All this is scarcely the picture of an army coming up from below the Mediterranean Sea!

Again, as we shall see later, if the Libya of Africa, now so prominent in the eyes of the world, is in view here, then to join the forces of Gog the army of Libya would have to march directly through the lands where all the forces hostile to Gog will be marshalled—a mighty and an innumerable host! The army would have to march eastward through Egypt, up through Arabia, on through Palestine into the land of Gog, *and then turn around and march back again* with Gog into the land of Palestine to battle with the mighty enemies Gog must meet! Strange military maneuvering—*that!*

If John D. Davis, in his *Dictionary of the Bible*, is right, and "Put" (Punt) lay south or southeast of "Cush," and the "Cush" of the prophecy is adjacent to Persia, may we not look for the people of "Put," with whom we are concerned, to sally forth from that same part of the earth out of which will come all the rest of the nations who may be joined together in the great "North-Eastern Confederacy"? Apparently, from the text indicated, enormous Moslem hordes will join with Gog in his fatal excursion to a vast bone pile in the land of Israel.

"Gomer." I have just read a recent volume written by a very popular writer. This volume contains a chapter on "Gomer" in which the writer insists that "Gomer refers to a Balkan people, closely allied to Russia in blood, manners, and customs." And then he proceeds to say: "I know that it is the general custom of many teachers of prophecy to identify Germany under the name of Gomer, but a careful consideration will show that

idea is a manifest error. Ask such teachers for proof of this identity, and none is ever forthcoming."

That statement presents a challenge. I have read many of these "teachers" who have discussed the name "Gomer," and I have usually found them presenting far more proof that the "Gomer" of Ezekiel is Germany than that which the writer of this recent book has presented to show that the "Gomer" of Ezekiel "refers to a Balkan people closely allied to Russia in blood." I certainly am not ready to deny that the blood of Gomer is *not* to be found in the veins of *some* of the "Balkan people," for there is much evidence that this is true. But the main stream of that blood flows in German veins, and not in Balkan veins, if the consensus of opinion is to be believed. And lest I fall under the charge of being unable to present at least *some* proof that "Gomer" should be identified with modern Germany, I am taking time and space here to present the following for the kindly consideration of my readers.

While, assuredly, I am not a disciple *religiously* of the famed historian Edward Gibbon, who wrote *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, yet I must confess that I have some respect for him as a historian. The *Encyclopædia Britannica* has this to say concerning Gibbon: "Gibbon's literary art, the sustained excellence of his style, his piquant epigrams and his brilliant irony, would perhaps not secure for his work immortality, which it seems likely to enjoy, if it were not also *marked by ecumenical grasp, extraordinary accuracy and striking acuteness of judgment.*"

Therefore, since Gibbon is declared by one of the highest possible authorities to be a historian of "ecumenical grasp" and "extraordinary accuracy," the following quotation from his greatest work may be of some interest:

"The learned Rudbeck allows the family of Noah a few years to multiply from eight to about twenty thousand persons. He then disperses them into small colonies to replenish the earth, and to propagate the human species. The *German* or Swedish detachment (which marched, if I am not mistaken, under the command of *Askenaz*, the son of Gomer, the son of Japheth) distinguished itself by a more than common diligence in the

prosecution of this great work" (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Ed. of 1880, Vol. I, Pg. 204).

In connection with this statement from Gibbon it is of interest to know that the Jews to this day call their German brethren *Ashkenazim*, after *Askenaz*.

The Cimmerians, some say, were a mythical people. Other authorities identify them as having descended from Japheth through his son Gomer (Gen. 10:2, 3). The Cimmerian people and their invasions were first described by Homer (*Odyssey*, XI, 12-19) as an ancient people of the far north or west of Europe—a people living in perpetual darkness. It is certain that in the midst of the seventh century B.C. Asia Minor was ravaged by northern nomads (*Herodotus* IV. 12). One body of the *Cimmerii* (or Cimmerians), were called by the Assyrians, *Gimirrai*. The *Encyclopædia Britannica* (1937 Ed., Vol. 10, Pg. 511) says:

"GOMER in the table of nations, Gen. x., the eldest 'son' of Japheth, and in Ezek. xxxviii. 6, a part of Gog's army, represents the people known to the Greeks as Cimmerians, and in the cuneiform inscriptions called Gi-mi-ra-a-a. Their earliest known home is the district north of the Black Sea."

The Cimmerians are said to have come through the Caucasus. *Herodotus* (IV, 11-13), in his account of Scythia, regards them as the early inhabitants of South Russia. Most of those who have made the subject a close study believe that Gomer was the father of the Cimmerians who were also known by the ancients as the *Gimirrai*, from whom came the modern German people.

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge (Vol. XI, Pg. 248) has this to say of Gomer:

"Japheth had seven sons. Of these Gomer corresponds to the Cimmerians of the *Odyssey* (xi, 14) and *Herodotus* (iv. 11-12), the Gimir of the Assyrian inscriptions, dwelling to the north of the Black Sea and west of the Don, who migrated in the eighth century to Thrace, thence with Thracian tribes to Asia Minor c. 709 B.C., where about 650 they came into conflict with the Lydians and were driven back to the highland of the

Halys [Himalayas—B.]. To Gomer are assigned three sons, Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah."

Josephus (Book I, Chap. V), the great Jewish historian who lived during the earthly ministry of our Lord, wrote:

"Of the three sons of Gomer, Aschanaz founded the Aschanasians, who are now called by the Greeks Rheginians."

The Jewish *Talmud*, containing the body of Jewish civil and canonical law dating back to the fourth century B.C., sets forth Gomer as being modern Germany. E. Schuyler English, writing in the magazine *Our Hope*, referring to a possible victory of Russia over Germany, declares: "Such a victory over Germany would be another *shadow* of prophetic national alignments, if, as many of us believe and the *Talmud substantiates*, the Gomer of Ezekiel 38:6 is Germany."

Dr. Arno C. Gaebelein, in *The Annotated Bible* (Prov.-Ezek. Pg. 320), says:

"Valuable information is given in the Talmud; Gomer is there stated to be the Germani, the Germans. That the descendants of the Gomer moved northward and established themselves in parts of Germany seems to be an established fact."

Richard Watson, the learned English clergyman, in his *Biblical and Theological Dictionary* (Ed. pub. in 1832, Pg. 417), says:

"Gomer, the eldest son of Japheth, by whom a great part of Asia Minor was first peopled. . . . The colonies of Gomer extended into Germany. . . . In fact, under the names of Cimmerii, Cimbri, Cymrig, Cumbri, Umbri, and Cambri, the tribes of Gomerians extended themselves from the Euxine to the Atlantic, and from Italy to the Baltic."

Rev. W. Percy Hicks, D. Litt., writing in *The Prophetic News* (London, December, 1939) quotes Dr. L. Sale-Harrison with approval as follows:

"Our friend also identifies '*Gomer and all his band.*' The place they settled in was first called '*Gomeria*,' then '*Cimmeria*,'

afterwards 'Crimea,' which is the present name, and is, of course, south of Russia. Many of their descendants settled around the Black Sea. Others of the family of Gomer afterwards advanced up the River Danube and peopled the present land of Germany. It was first called by them 'The Land of Gomer' or 'Gomerland,' and afterwards passing into the modern name 'Germany.'

"Thus, according to this interpretation, we have both Russia and Germany referred to in prophecy, with the suggestion of their being in alliance in military activities of 'the latter days.'"

The International Standard Bible Encyclopædia (Vol. II, Pg. 1276), provides this information:

"GOMER, . . . : Given in Gen. 10:2f; 1 Ch. 1:5f as a son of Japheth. The name evidently designates the people called Gimirra by the Assyrians, Kimmerians by the Greeks. *They were a barbaric horde of ARYANS . . . in the 7th cent. B.C.*"

Webster's New International Dictionary (Pg. 1077) supports the view that "Gomer" is to be identified with the Gimirrai:

"A northern people from the Armenian highlands, identified with the *Gimirrai* of the cuneiform inscriptions."

Bendor Samuel (Great Britain) says:

"The three root letters in Gomer are reproduced, indeed, they form the radicals in Germania: the designation given to the Germans by the Jews is Ashkenaz; but as Ashkenaz was the son of Gomer, it would form another patronymic of the same people as Judah and Israel are patronymics of the same nation" (*The Dawn*, Vol. XI, Pg. 321).

D. M. Panton, editor of *The Dawn* (London), writing in *The Christian* (London, Sept. 20, 1923), says:

"'GOMER, and all his hordes'—Poland, Roumania, and (the Rabbis say) Germany, all the southern fringe of Russia . . ."

The *Encyclopædia Britannica* (1937 Ed., Vol. 10, Pg. 253) gives us this bit of information touching the history of the German nation:

"Our direct knowledge of Germany begins with the appoint-

ment of Julius Cæsar as governor of Gaul in 59 B.C. Long before that time there is evidence of German communication with southern civilization, as the antiquities prove, and occasional travellers from the Mediterranean had made their way into those regions (e.g. Pytheas, towards the end of the 4th century), but hardly any records of their journeys survive. The first Teutonic peoples whom the Romans encountered were the Cimbri and Teutoni, probably from Denmark, who invaded Illyria, Gaul, and Italy towards the end of the 2nd century B.C."

If the ethnologists who hold that the Cimbri and Teutoni were descendants of the Cimmerii (Cimmerians), who, in turn, descended from Gomer, are in error, then the origin of the German people is indeed shrouded in complete darkness, and the "Gomer" of Ezekiel's prophecy belongs to the as yet unknowns. It is as Rev. W. Lamb, the well-known Australian preacher, editor of *The Advent Herald*, after reviewing this subject, says: "If Gomer and all his bands do not represent modern Germany, then whatever other people can this Gomer be?"

But, as certain as are the most authentic historical records man possesses today, the "Gomer" of Ezekiel's prophecy is none other than modern Germany. And, when the international kaleidoscope ceases to rotate, we must expect to find Germany a fixed ally of the northern Bear, even though at this present hour Teuton and Slav are engaged in the business of trying to cut each other's throats.

"*Togarmah.*" This is a name which the Jews apply to Turkey. "The house of Togarmah of the north quarters" (38:6, A.V.), both Christian and Jewish writers tell us, refers to the *Turkoman* tribes of Central Asia—enemies of the Jews and anti-Christian all! The Turkomans are nomadic horse breeders, although a few of them have become agriculturists—just such a people as, according to the prophet, will compose the army of Gog.

Rev. W. Percy Hicks, quoted previously, says:

"Then the prophecy of Ezekiel refers to '*Togarmah and all his bands.*' Who are these? Some identify them as those who possess the land of Armenia, but when Wolf visited the Tartar hordes who lived south of the Sea of Aral and between that sea

and the Caspian, he found that they called themselves 'Togarmah.' That is the southern portion of Russia and in the north of Palestine."

Togarmah was the third son of Gomer (Gen. 10:3), and all information obtainable indicates that his name was attached to that part of Asia now known as Armenia. Prof. V. Raymond Edman, Ph.D., (Wheaton College), writing in *The Sunday School Times*, says, "The ancestors of modern Armenia claim that the father of their race, Haik, was the son of Togarmah."

From *The Sunday School Times* (Sept. 20, 1923) I quote: "Togarmah, probably the Turkoman tribes of Central Asia, together with Siberia, the Turks and the Armenians."

John H. Baxter, writing in *The Sunday School Times* (May 22, 1927), remarks: "Togarmah and all his hordes . . . can scarcely be other than the great Siberian tribes that stretch along the north of Asia to the Pacific Ocean."

Dr. Harry Rimmer, in his recent book, *The Coming War and the Rise of Russia* (Pg. 62), affirms:

"Geographically, Togarmah has always been the land which we now call Armenia. It is so named in the records of Assyria. I feel sure that no informed person would be inclined to dispute this particular identification, as the Assyrian chronicles are amply aided by such ancient writers as Tacitus. Indeed, all Armenian literature refers to the land and its people as 'The House of Togarmah,' and they hold an unbroken tradition which antedates their literature by centuries, linking them to the grandson of Japheth."

To this day the Armenians call themselves "The House of Torgon."

There are some Bible students whose *opinions* are not to be ignored in one's search for the truth, who believe that the "Togarmah" of Ezekiel's prophecy includes the whole of modern Turkey. If this viewpoint should be correct, it is all the more significant in the present hour, when the warring nations are all bidding for the support of Turkey. As we might expect from the prophecies, Russia seems most likely to get that support. Several years ago the Turkish Government at Angora announced that its *Constitution is not republican but Soviet*.

IV

GOG'S WAR ON GOD

Ezekiel's prophecy clearly indicates that Gog will be at the head of a nation that will deliberately declare open war on the eternal God Himself, and that between God and Gog there will be war to the death, with no quarter shown. We read:

"Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, . . . and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal" (38:1-3; cf. 39:1, 2).

The entire prophecy proclaims this mutual and unrelenting hatred between God and Gog. Gog appears as the implacable foe of the God-conscious Jew, pillaging the land of Jacob and attempting to destroy the inhabitants thereof. Gog is supremely guilty of profaning the name of God among the nations. It is only when Gog is utterly destroyed that Jehovah says:

"My holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel" (39:7).

No other nation on earth does so completely fit into the divine portraiture of a completely anti-God nation as does modern Russia. If, as all signs clearly indicate, we are at the closing hour of Gentile dominion on this earth, then what other nation could possibly be the "Gog" of Ezekiel's prophecy if Russia is not?

Bakunin's "New Gospel."

Seventy-three years ago the Russian Red conspirator, Bakunin said:

"Brethren, I come to announce unto you a new gospel, which

must penetrate to the very ends of the world. . . . The old world must be destroyed and replaced by a new one. . . . The Lie must be stamped out and give way to Truth. . . . *The first Lie is God; the second lie is Right*, . . . and when you have freed your minds from the fear of a God, and from that childish respect for the fiction of Right, then all the remaining chains that bind you, and which are called science, civilization, property, marriage, morality, and justice, will snap asunder like threads. . . . Let your own happiness be your only law. . . . *Our first work must be destruction and annihilation of everything as it now exists*; you must accustom yourself to destroy everything, the good with the bad; for if but an atom of this old world remains, the new will never be created."

In those words Bakunin made the first pronouncement of the program of the satanically inspired politico-irreligious forces that have long fought, and still are fighting, for the control of the world of men. Russia has been the most fertile of all lands for the dragon to sow his seed. Religious liberty is a precious inheritance that the people of the Russian Empire have never known. Grand Prince Vladimir has the name of having introduced Christianity into the land of the Muscovites. But the "Christianity" Prince Vladimir introduced into Russia inspired none to be genuine Christians. Pagan worship was simply carried over into the Greek Orthodox Church, and to this Church the vast multitudes were held in bondage until the Revolution that followed World War No. I. And it is to be admitted that the revolt against religion under the Soviet regime was due very largely to the corruptness of the Greek Orthodox Church in Russia.

The Communist's Reign Begins.

Immediately after the Revolution of 1917 there was a brief interlude during which Russia enjoyed the largest measure of religious freedom that unhappy land has ever known. But it was very brief. The disciples of Bakunin lost no time in taking advantage of the chaos produced in Russia by the World War. With hands dripping with blood, they grasped the helm of the ship of state, and their first onslaught was upon religion.

And since the days of Nero, the cross of Christ has never known fiercer resistance.

It was in January, 1918, that *official* Russia took its first step toward its war on God. At that time the Soviet of Commissars issued a decree, Article 12 of which said: "*No church or religious association shall enjoy the rights of judicial persons.*" That decree throughout opposed every fundamental right of religious associations. That decree has stood in practice, in spite of some loudly professed "religious liberty" declarations recently made by Russian authorities solely to alleviate the injured feelings of influential religious groups outside the lair of the Bear.

With the issuance of that edict, the Communist Government began systematically an attempt to drive all faith in God from the breasts of the 193,000,000 people within the Soviet Republics. Evil and cruel as was the Czar's Government, there was therein some freedom to preach the Gospel. The Word of God was preached to the people, even if on a small scale. But the deepest, darkest night that Russia has ever known came sweeping in, in October, 1917, when the Soviet reign began. Every curtain was drawn and every door was shut and bolted to avoid the entrance of a ray of light from the Gospel of Christ. The leaders of the Communistic Government, professing to free the people from their chains, shackled them with the heaviest and most galling chains the Russian people have ever known—and *they* have been used to chains!

Freedom of religious worship was rigidly restricted by law to customary gatherings for purely formal worship at some registered meeting place. No Sunday school nor other school or class for the instruction of children in things spiritual was tolerated. On one-sixth of the surface of the earth it became a criminal offense for a mother to teach her little child so much as a verse of Scripture. Prison yawned before any person who would gather together so many as three young people to instruct them in the things of God or in the hope of a life after death. Twenty-five million children in the day schools of Russia were subjected to caricatures of Christianity and the most blasphemous representations of Jesus, the Savior of the world. No

Bible groups could be formed. No lectures were permitted. No social gatherings could be arranged. No church could possess a library. These were some of the restrictions imposed by law. In short, practically all that gave warmth and reality to fellowship within a Christian congregation was forbidden.

Communism and the Bible.

In the year 1929 it became illegal to print, import, or to translate the Word of God. The attitude of the Soviets toward the Bible was set forth quite clearly by Comrade Zaslavsky in the chief organ of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R., *Pravda* (Moscow, July 7, 1929), from which I quote:

"The Central Publishing House—this is the insignificant piece of Soviet territory where literary workers of at least fifty nationalities work together in a peaceable and friendly manner. . . .

"There is only one publishing house in the world that has the same appearance. It is in London and it prints a book in scores of languages. It prints *only one book*. This is *the Bible, the book of greatest class deception, the tool of imperialists for befogging the people*. . . .

"Recently, a general meeting of the members of the Bible Society took place. They noted with alarm that the production of their publishing house is steadily decreasing. *The demand for the Bible is falling tremendously in England as well as in Europe*. It is somewhat supported by exportation into the most backward countries where they have to avail themselves of the most shameless deception and fraud for its distribution."

After reading the above statement, I decided to look into this matter a bit and see how near a Moscow Communist could come to telling the truth, if just for once! A little searching soon revealed to me that the "Father of Lies" himself could learn much from a Communist when lying serves a Communist's purpose. I found that the world statistics for the year 1914 showed that, in round numbers, 30,000,000 copies of the Scripture were circulated. *The American Bible Society* announced that in 1925 it translated the Scriptures into more than 150 languages and dialects, and distributed more copies than in any

previous year. It had printed 9,069,120 Bibles, New Testaments, and Gospels, being "an increase of 2,416,821 copies over the previous year 1924." One year later, this same American Society distributed 9,917,891 copies, being an increase over the previous year of 848,771 copies.

Now we will go to the year 1929, the year in which Moscow declared to the world that "the demand for the Bible was falling tremendously in England as well as in Europe." I have uncovered the figures of *The British and Foreign Bible Society* for the year 1929, and find that in that year this British Society alone distributed 12,000,000 copies of the Scriptures, which exceeded the number of copies sold "during any previous twelve months in history."

Moreover, those figures are for only *one* Bible society. *The American Bible Society* in that year, 1929, sold 15,000,000 copies, exceeding its 1926 figure by more than 5,000,000 copies, representing a fairly good increase in three years! Not so bad! *The National Society of Scotland* reported the sale of 5,000,000 copies in that same year; and other societies in Europe brought the sales for the year 1929 up to at least 50,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments, being an increase of 10,000,000 over the highest annual figure ever previously recorded. This estimate was contained in a special dispatch from Sheffield, England, and was printed on July 30, 1930, in the *Christian Science Monitor*.

The 126th Annual Report of The American Bible Society has just come into my hands. It reveals that, during 1941, this Society "distributed 8,096,977 volumes of Scripture, exceeding any year since 1931." These figures reveal how "the demand for the Bible is falling tremendously"—that is, if you don't care what you say, and, apparently, Communists *don't*! Recently this Communistic party organ, *Pravda*, declared that no book had ever spread as fast as *The History of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union*, and reported that 16,500,000 copies of that history had been distributed in 55 languages within a period of two years. *The American Bible Society* was quick to retort that 51,000,000 copies of the Bible during that same period had been distributed in 1039 languages!

I venture to make the statement that if the atheistic government of Russia would permit the Bible to circulate as freely as it permits *The History of the Communist Party* to circulate in the Soviet Union "the demand" from the citizens of Russia would materially increase the number of Bibles sold, to say the least!

This statement from the Soviet newspaper clearly indicates the attitude of Communism toward the Bible. Out of 193,000,000 souls in the U.S.S.R., it is reliably reported that 183,000,000 have never seen a Bible! However, the antagonism of the Soviet Government to the Word of God is not wholly to blame for this sad condition. *Have the enlightened Christian churches of America and Great Britain done their duty to Russia in days past and gone?*

Decree "No. 96."

The decree imposing these restrictions upon the Russian people was printed in the organ of the Soviet Government, *Izvestia*, on April 26, 1929. It was printed under the general title, "*Acts and Decrees of the Government of the R.S.F.S.R.*" This special decree, "No. 96," was "*In regard to Religious Congregation Groups.*" Lest the reader believe that the charges against the Soviet Government herein set forth are overstated, I shall quote a part of this decree:

"3. *A religious society* is a local body of believing citizens who have reached eighteen years of age, of the same cult, the same confession of faith, of the same tendencies and sect, numbering not less than twenty persons who come together for the united satisfaction of their religious needs.

"The right to organize a group of believers is given to believing citizens who because of their small numbers are unable to organize a religious society.

"A religious society or group of believers may begin activities only after the registration of the said society or group in a specially designated administrative department. . . .

"17. *Religious Congregations are forbidden:*

"A. To provide funds for mutual aid, to organize co-operatives, industrial groups, and, in general, to use the property which is at their disposal for any other objects beside the satis-

faction of their religious needs (i.e. worship and prayer).

"B. To give material aid to their members.

"C. To organize special children's, young people's, women's, prayer and other meetings, as well as general Bible, literary, sewing, craft, religious training, and the like meetings, groups, circles and departments, and also to arrange excursions and establish children's playgrounds, to open libraries and reading rooms, to organize sanitariums and to give medical aid.

"Only books necessary for the performance of the particular cult may be kept in the prayer edifices."

As a result of this special decree ("No. 96"), no teacher in the public schools was permitted to attend any place of worship. Churches were closed, confiscated, or taxed out of existence. Believers were persecuted in the most cruel and wanton manner. A missionary wrote home: "If anyone wants to starve to death, becoming a Christian will hasten his chance."

All over Russia people were compelled to have cards with which to obtain bread. The Government saw to it that in order to secure one of these cards one had to belong to some association or organization which is godless. Government favors were bestowed only upon members of the Communist Party. It was ordered that all candidates for membership in the Party had to be free from every vestige of belief in anything supernatural.

Radio stations were forbidden to transmit the voice of the pope or any other voice bearing spiritual hope and consolation. Churches and chapels became objects for profanation or for utter destruction. The Chapel of St. Tycho on Arbatskaya Street in Moscow and the old and historic Church of St. Vladimir in Jargoslav were transformed into public lavatories. Priests began mysteriously to disappear, never again to appear. Tens of thousands of Protestant preachers were hurled into Russian and Siberian prisons—hells that defied all description. The total number of clergymen thinned down from 42,800 to less than 1200, and these were compelled to live outside the cities' limits. Hundreds of thousands of martyrs have died in that unhappy land, crying to God with their last breath to save Russia from Satanism.

Lands that Russia may some day conquer or control can un-

derstand by decrees such as "No. 96" what would await them. The "*Anti-God Council of Moscow*" issued a special decree for Poland when Russia overran that land. This decree is reported by *La Vie Protestante* of Geneva:

"All churches, synagogues, and other religious meeting places are to be closed; the anti-God movement will start founding branches at once in territories occupied by the Red Army; all clergy are suspended; people condemned by the State on account of blasphemy are to be released at once; all laws against anti-God propaganda to be rescinded; an atheistic paper is to be issued by the Anti-God Council in the Polish language; 2,800,000 roubles are to be set apart for organizing the anti-God movement in Poland, and the Russian Ambassador is to initiate it at once."

Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia, all likewise can give sad testimony that Poland is no exception to sorrow in lands now under the heel of the Bolshevik conqueror.

"Science," whatever that is in Russia, is set forth to be the Russian god. Josef Stalin is the personification of that god. The *New York Times* quotes a Soviet poet:

"Should he say that coal turn white,
It will be as Stalin wills."

As *Mein Kampf* has become the "Bible" of Germany, so Karl Marx's *Kapital* and Stalin's *Leninism* have become the "Old and New Testaments" of the Soviet millions. "Gospels," they call them, but gospels that contain very little of hope save for a privileged few in this world, and no hope for anyone at all in the world to come.

The magazine *Bezbozenik oo Stanker* ("The Atheist at His Bench") is the organ of the Moscow Committee of the All Russian Communist Party. We read from the November, 1927, issue:

"January 23, 1918, came out the decree of S.N.K. of the R.S.F.S. proclaiming the separation of the Church from the State. . . .

"This decree proclaimed that '*every citizen is free to profess any religion, or to be an atheist.*' The decree also specified that

'a free performance of religious rites is to be allowed in so far as they do not compromise peace and order, and contain no infringement of the rights of the citizens of the Soviet Republic.' . . .

"In our country the activities of religious organizations are allowed, but there is not and there cannot be even a shadow of any 'favoring' of their work."

Thus it is that the Soviet Government allows "religious freedom"! Even if there were any real promise of religious liberty in the Soviet Constitution, it is quite evident that the Central Government in Moscow would never raise a finger in an effort to make such a constitutional provision effective.

V

IS GOG'S HEART SOFTENING?

The exigencies of the present war (World War No. II) doubtlessly have brought about a softening in the application of this decree; but, even if so, when once this World War is over, if Russia emerges unbeaten, who can doubt that these Communist tyrants will again pursue their pathway to the conquest of the world with renewed zeal and all that that means to the spiritual forces of the world—to Christ and His Church?

However, these conditions continue in very large measure to this date. And, on top of all this, to suit their nefarious purposes in the world of men, the Soviet authorities actually claim that there is "religious liberty" in Russia and that it is an article of their Constitution! They have even led some famous Americans to believe it!

There are some overcredulous folks who are inclined to believe that the hardened heart of the old grizzly of Moscow is softening. If there are any signs of it none is outstanding as yet. It is still true that no one can be a member of the domi-

nant political party in Russia who is not an atheist. In February, 1930, the *New York World* cabled to Josef Stalin and asked him plainly whether there are not some "good Communists" who are out of sympathy with the party's regulation demanding that all members must be atheists. Stalin replied:

"I do not know of any such 'good Communists.' . . . It is hardly likely that such Communists exist at all. . . . Cases occur when certain members of the Party hamper the complete development of anti-religious propaganda. If such members are expelled it is a good thing, because there is no room for such 'Communists' in the ranks of our party."

Is there anyone so gullible as to believe that the Ethiopian has changed his skin or that the leopard has changed his spots (Jer. 13:23)? The god of the Communist, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, always insisted that a "good church is worse than a corrupted one." He wasn't much concerned with the abuses of religion by the members of the churches. It was religion itself that Lenin was prone to attack. Vladimir Gsovsky, Ph.D., quotes Lenin as having said: "The difference between so-called purified religion and crude religion is the same as between a blue devil and a violet one, no more."

A recent press dispatch informs us that the Soviet Ambassador to Washington, Maxim Litvinov, has assured Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist clergyman of Ft. Worth, Texas, that "the Russian people would extend him a cordial welcome" should he wish to "conduct revival services" in Russia. The dispatch further stated that Mr. Litvinov had "expressed interest in the plan for revival services." This becomes interesting in the light of the fact that Maxim Litvinov has heretofore been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of Gog's anti-God program. We wonder if the genial Ambassador has ever perused Dr. Norris' masterful address on the subject—*Sovietizing America Through Churches, Colleges, and Consumers' Co-operatives*, which he delivered in Convention Hall, Rochester, New York, on April 14, 1936?

In the March (1937) issue of *The Friend of Russians*, official organ of the Russian Missionary Society, Inc., appeared an

article by the correspondent of that magazine in Moscow. This article tells how Emilian Yaroslavsky, the veteran Bolshevik holding the main post in the key Department of Soviet Control, directs the Soviet campaign against all religions. It refers to an article that Yaroslavsky had printed in the then current issue of "*Bezboznik*"—"The Godless One"—the official organ of the Militant Godless League. In this article Yaroslavsky reassured those of his followers who felt qualms of conscience regarding Article 135 of Stalin's new Constitution, permitting Christians, Jews, and Mohammedans, together with their ministers, rabbis, and mullahs, to vote in the election of Deputies. Yaroslavsky explained that while the new Constitution "guarantees to all persons the right to practice their religion, the new Constitution also gives to all citizens of the Soviet Union freedom to undertake antireligious propaganda." He thus called attention to the fact that the new Constitution allowed religious bodies the right to "*practice*" their faith, but denied them the right to *propagate* it, while the atheists could do both. Yaroslavsky then outlined a four-point program for the future struggle against all religions. The fourth point read:

"Most important of all, we must intensify our work. There is no doubt that in many places clergy are trying to revive fading religious sentiments. To this we must oppose the activity of an organization of millions."

This same issue of *The Friend of Russians* (March, 1937) presents an article from "*Anti-Comintern*" that throws some light on the man who now represents the Soviet Government in Washington. We quote:

"The 'free exercise of religious creeds' [among the Soviets] means anything but toleration or promotion of religious activity. The very fact that atheistic propaganda is placed under Government protection does away with any possibility of religious freedom from the very beginning.

"A proof of the fact that the Bolsheviks in the Kremlin are taking more and more interest in the war against God and Religion, and are determined to wage it beyond the frontiers of the Soviet Union as well, is the Conference of Central Asiatic Athe-

ists in Stalingrad. Molotov, Voroshilov and Litvinov beamed with joy as they accepted the honorary title of '*Honorary Atheists of Central Asia*.' This was to honour the Red rulers for 'special merit' in the cause of anti-Theism, rulers who sent thousands of clergymen into the great beyond, thousands to perish in prison, and persecuted the masses of the faithful incessantly.

"And the comrade of the 'Honorary Atheists of Central Asia,' People's Commissar Kaganovich, has placed his railway at the disposal of *the Travelling Exhibition of Atheism*."

We realize that we are in a rapidly changing world, and that "nothing seems too remote to be changed"! We also confess that this war has turned many things upside down! We know that tremendous changes can take place in five years, and that even the atheistic heart of Maxim Litvinov might be turned back to his Jewish fathers, or even to the Christ. If this war has softened his heart, and turned back to God Maxim Litvinov and any considerable number of his Soviet fellow statesmen, then this war has not been in vain!

However, in spite of Mr. Litvinov's invitation to Dr. Norris, we doubt any change in the heart of either Ambassador Litvinov or the wily old northern Bear he serves. To this date, there has been no official assurance emanating from Moscow that there has been any change whatever in the attitude of the Soviet Government toward God or toward the rights of religious persons. If there were any change, would not one of the results of that change be some public acknowledgment of it? *No, Gog is still Gog!*

Just how sincere is Mr. Litvinov's "cordial welcome" to Dr. Norris? I dislike a suspicious nature; but in this case I will have to be forgiven for possessing one. I am compelled to ask, —Just how much do American airplanes, tanks, and lend-lease billions have to do with any such "cordial welcome"? Just to what extent is wool being pulled over the eyes of our generous Uncle Samuel?

As yet, all signs indicate that the Church of God in Russia is still face to face with a powerful enemy of exceeding great cunning which has *anti-Godism* as its basic creed. Its countless

millions of followers have a passion that will lead them to die for the unfaith that is in them. Already one of the greatest organizations in the world, *The All Russian Communist Party*, is growing in all lands with a rapidity that is nothing short of amazing. And Mr. William Lippard says:

"Communism deliberately intends to make Russia a nation of 160,000,000 atheists. Few Christians adequately comprehend as yet what this objective, if it succeeds, will mean for the spiritual life of the world."

Earnest Gordon, writing in *The Sunday School Times* several years ago, said:

"In the University of Leningrad there is a two years' course for the degree of Doctor of Atheism. Hundreds of students have entered for this degree, a degree which has been devised to contrast with the D.D. of Christian lands."

Ten years ago a committee of United States Congressmen, headed by Mr. Hamilton Fish, Jr., made an extensive study of Communism as it existed at that time. The ten years since then have not seen any improvement in it. The Fish Report dwells at some length on the attitude of Communism toward religion. From that Report, we read:

"All Communists are atheists, whether they live in Moscow, Berlin, Paris, London, New York, or Los Angeles. They may not be baptized, married, or buried with religious ceremonies. [Any member of the Communist Party in Russia who circumcises or baptizes his child is expelled from the party.—L.S.B.]. The Communist must not only be without religion, but he must be *antireligious*. The terrific and appalling situation in Soviet Russia is the fact that many millions of young children attending the public schools are taught each day hatred of the conception of God and of all religious faiths and beliefs. This instruction is mandatory on the part of the teachers, and if they fail to carry out their orders they lose their jobs. These young schoolchildren are taught also to hold their parents in contempt and disobey them if they maintain any belief or faith in religion.

"Documents and books presented to the committee indicate that the most terrible kinds of vice are encouraged among the

young schoolchildren in order to break down their family influence, which is the foundation of all religion. . . . The denial of religious liberty and the wiping out of all religious belief is an important part of the communist program. Communists boast of being atheists and take pride in waging war on God. The fact is that there is an irrepressible conflict between Russian Communism and a belief in God."

Can anyone, after reading this authentic account from the Fish Report, and knowing that the passing years have not revealed the slightest change in Communistic Russia's attitude toward God, possess the slightest doubt that Russia at least has all the necessary qualifications for fulfilling the rôle of Gog?

Vladimir Gsovsky, Ph.D., writing in the *Russian Field* some time ago, quoted Yaroslavsky, President of The League of Militant Godless, as having set forth the objective of Communism thus:

"Therefore we cultivate in the children a hatred for the ties which religion imposes. . . . We demand of the child to be a fighter against religion anywhere, at the school, and in the family."

Verily, verily, Communism and true religion can never dwell beneath the same roof in peace!

"We Are Against God!"

It seems that all the hellhounds at the command of the lower regions are tearing at America's vitals today in order to destroy, if possible, the greatest citadel of human liberty—and especially religious liberty—on the face of the earth. It is well for America to know in such an hour, beyond all peradventure of a doubt, the true nature of these northern beasts that are prowling forth from their pestilential dens in Moscow to devour a lot of unsuspecting lambs. The stealthiest wolves that ever jammed themselves into sheep's clothing are sneaking their way along over almost every street in America, into our legislative halls, our factories, our schools, our pulpits—aye, they are not averse to creeping into the sacred precincts of the White House itself. It is well for all Christians to know that Gog, the enemy of

God, is driving toward what he believes will be a godless world. To assist in uncovering this gigantic monstrosity that is endeavoring to hoodwink the liberty-loving peoples of the earth is a worth-while task.

Again, to go to their own mouths for information, foul though the breath be that we must endure, *The Atheist At His Bench* (Moscow, Nov. 1927, issue) says:

"The Soviet Government has no need of any religion; it is against any religion. In its policy toward any religion it is led by the Constitution of our party, which always considered religion as a form of spiritual oppression of the masses. The Soviet Government actively co-operates with the process of freeing the masses from religious poison, carrying on anti-religious propaganda through the Soviet governmental machinery (The People's Commissariat of Education and the Department of General Political Education). The Soviet school, the reading rooms, clubs, and the like are the important centers in the work of propaganda of atheism. . . .

"The Soviet Government has done all that was necessary and reasonable in order to deprive religious organizations of their rights and privileges. Then the Soviet Government decreed religion to be the private affair of every citizen."

It is important for all peoples who still prize their freedom to understand that by no possibility can there ever be a reconciliation between the Christian and the Communist. The two are utter opposites, and either the one or the other will ultimately be destroyed. This is not only the testimony of the real Christian. It is the testimony of the real Communist also.

The *Bezboženik oo Stanker* (*The Atheist At His Bench*) is a monthly magazine published in Moscow. This magazine is on sale in the United States. In its issue, No. 9, 1927, this publication quoted Calvin Coolidge, then President of the United States, as having said in one of his speeches:

"All the devices of the police to enforce the fundamentals of law and order will be in vain if there is not a firm desire to obey law in the people. The government is not able to promote this willingness. According to my personal opinion, their willingness is created by religion."

In connection with this quotation the Moscow mouthpiece quoted also from a letter that President Coolidge wrote to Mr. Eugene Thompson, as follows:

"Our society and our government are based wholly on the teachings of the Gospel. If faith in the teaching vanishes among the majority of our population we could not prevent the one or the other from final destruction."

In both these statements President Coolidge unquestionably expresses the Christian viewpoint. In commenting on these two statements, the atheistic journal said:

"With all its power the American bourgeoisie strengthens religious activities. They know well the more they give the heavenly stuff to the masses, the less they will demand earthly things. . . .

"The head of the American bourgeoisie openly declares that religion is the foundation of the capitalistic system. It is necessary that every peasant and every worker should know this."

The cartoon which accompanied this article represents President Coolidge standing on a Bible between the lids of which he is crushing a workingman!

In this Communistic organ (No. 8, 1928) the supreme "task" of the present rulers of Soviet Russia is set forth as they see it in no uncertain tone. We read:

"Twenty-five years ago the Second Congress worked out a proletarian revolutionary Marxist program, tactics and organization for our party, while to-day the Sixth Congress sets as its task the working out of a Marxist, systematic Leninist program and tactics for the *entire International Revolutionary Movement*.

"At the present time this task is completed. . . .

"It was equal to this task because the All Russian Communist Party (of the Bolsheviks) is the party of Lenin, because it occupies the leading position in the Communist International, and is its axis, its principal theoretical force. . . .

"Precisely on account of this, the Central Committee of the All Russian Communist Party (of the Bolsheviks) decided that the most important task at hand for the Party must be the

most attentive consideration of the problems on the program of the Sixth Congress, and *the most important question of that program for the Communist International is the militant demand, THE FIGHT AGAINST RELIGION.*

"The Communist International declares *as the task of its program, the demand of its program*, a war against religion, a war which is systematic and unflinching. It could not be otherwise.

"The Communist International could not accomplish its task if it did not declare a merciless war against religion and churches, against this 'opium of the people,' against this agency of the ruling classes and the imperialistic clique. . . .

"This war of the Communist International is not a 'private' or 'personal' matter. . . . *For it the war with religion is a life and death matter.*"

And now we turn to the Moscow organ that speaks officially for the Soviet Government today—the *Pravda* (June 12, 1929). Therein is quoted a speech of Comrade Yaroslavsky at the opening of the "Second All Union Congress of Atheists":

"Comrades, we instill in the minds of the Atheists the feeling of internationalism which is a strong international fraternal link between the toilers, while our class enemies, who proudly display their morals, incite one nation against another, while they are ready at this very moment on the streets of any and every American city to lynch a Negro, to shoot a Negro workingman just because he enters a car or city block built only for his white masters.

"We instill this deep feeling of international solidarity and we are proud of the fact that our Union is exercising greater and greater influence in other lands. Through the comrades from other countries present here we send our ardent brotherly greetings to the workers and toilers of all countries carrying on the fight. (Applause). We ask them to tell the workers of other countries . . . that our task is to weld the millions of toilers, regardless of their nation and race, into one brotherly world union.

"Together with them we will storm the earthly strongholds of Capital, *as well as the heavenly citadels.*

"*We are against God, we are against Capital.* (Applause).

We are for Socialism. We are for a World Union of toilers. We are for the Communist International."

"Religious liberty" in Soviet Russia is a ghastly and wicked farce!

VI

GOG'S "WAR WITHOUT QUARTER"

So far as is known, the numbers judicially tortured to death during the first four years of Communist rule in Russia, surpass any previous record for a similar period of time in the history of men. Hundreds of thousands were "liquidated"—butchered in cold blood—that the red Bolshevik demons in Moscow might be secure in their power. The Paris *Gaulois* copies from the Soviet newspapers themselves the butcher's figures for about *four years*, beginning with October, 1917. The figures differed little from those of Professor Sarolea of Great Britain, covering the same period. Professor Sarolea wrote:

"A Russian statistical investigation estimates that the dictators killed 28 bishops, 1219 priests, 6000 professors and teachers, 9000 doctors, 12,950 landowners, 54,000 officers, 70,000 policemen, 193,290 workmen, 260,000 soldiers, 355,250 intellectuals and professional men, and 815,000 peasants" (*The Dawn*, London, Vol. VI, Pg. 194).

One must wonder just how anyone, apart from the secretive Russian Government itself, can know how much blood has been shed by the ravaging Bear of Moscow. Under the circumstances, any figures must be more or less guesswork. But we do know that the "legalized" murders are huge enough to be appalling!

One of the horrible facts in connection with these "legalized" murders is the fact that nearly all these hundreds of thousands went to their deaths without even the pretense of a fair trial.

Ostensibly, a really fair trial in so many cases, within the limited time, could not have been given. The famous infamous G.P.U., or Secret Police, were amenable to no one. They were everywhere, and were supposed to see everything. Usually, they chose their victims between midnight and two o'clock in the morning. When they accused, the accused was not permitted to have any counsel. *There were no witnesses—no trial—in his behalf.* If the accused was not released by the whim of the cruel tyrants he simply fell from sight. His relatives never knew whether he disappeared into a jail, a Siberian forest, or before a firing squad.

The National Bible Society of Scotland has always taken a keen interest in Russia, and its late Secretary, Dr. Knight, specialized in the matter of information along these lines. The National Bible Society in 1936 issued its annual Report. It fixes the population of Russia in 1936 at 173,000,000. Dr. Knight quoted the French Socialist Henri Bero as giving us the most nearly correct figures available, covering *eighteen years* prior to 1936.

This French Socialist declares that, for one reason or another, the Soviet authorities have put to death, in one way or another, 11,763,411 human beings—"a number approximately more than the lives lost in the whole World War." The Report continues: "According to official figures of the U.S.S.R., no less than 42,800 clergymen have died in concentration camps on Slovetz Island, in Turkestan, and elsewhere, during the eighteen years of Soviet rule." While the Report does not so state, yet, doubtless, the number put to death includes those who died in the "State-organized" famine of the Ukraine.

Contemplating these figures, we no longer need to wonder how it is that these modern dictators can roll up such heavy votes of "confidence" at the "elections"! *They know how!*

Just what lies back of the deliberate sacrifice of so much of human life, much of it innocent, in Soviet Russia? Let it not be forgotten that the Soviet regime was, and is, animated by one overwhelming impulse—to build in the world one Socialist State of such irresistible power that no power on earth or in heaven would dare to challenge it. To do this, no sacrifice of

human life would be too great, no agony of human suffering would be too severe, to be endured. What mattered it that no one had enough to eat or wear, if only the great mills that grind out the instruments of war were fed to the full? Human flesh was and is the most plentiful and the cheapest of all the resources of the vast Soviet Republics. Harry Lorin Binsse, commenting on John Scott's book, *Behind The Urals*, just off the press, sums it up aright:

"The purges were obviously conducted on the principle that it was worth while sacrificing thousands if in the process one eliminated a few score of those who were really guilty of plotting against the state. And one could afford to be thus careless of human life because the land swarmed with people. . . . The only criterion is—does a given action strengthen Russia?"

Felix Dzerzhinsky, whose present address is No. 1 Main Street, Hades, was the head of the Secret Police of All Russia (the Cheka). He was an inhuman monster who would have made Nero turn green with envy. A little fourteen-year-old girl once tossed a stone at him. Immediately he ordered her tortured and executed. What a pity that little David didn't "toss" that stone! Dzerzhinsky, more than any other of the Soviet authorities, was directly responsible for the rivers of blood that flowed in Russia during those eighteen years. Verily, Bolshevism is the very antithesis of Christianity, and, like Mohammedanism, in spite of any of its professions to the contrary, it propagates itself by the sword. The Bolsheviks are right:

"Two worlds are clashing and pitting their strength against each other. The end of the religious campaign of the Soviet Government must not be confined to Russia, but must be conducted throughout the world."

Thus in 1917 a spiritual portent of the first magnitude rose upon the horizon of the world, and still stands threateningly above the nations of the earth. Communism, a faith genuinely and passionately held by many tens of millions of youth, taken from their mothers' bosoms and impregnated with its atheistic philosophy, *was*, and *is*, based on the utter annihilation of belief in God.

We need not wonder at the declaration made by Lunacharsky, Soviet Commissar for Public Instruction, in a lecture delivered to a large assembly of young Communists in Moscow, in 1928:

"Indeed, I am thankful for having the privilege of speaking to you young folks, the hope of Soviet Russia, yes, the hope of the world. And you must always remember this, that we hate Christianity and the Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They preach love of one's neighbor and pity (mercy), which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is a hindrance to the development of the revolution. Down with love of one's neighbor! What we need is hatred. We must know how to hate, for only at this price CAN WE CONQUER THE UNIVERSE. We have done with kings of the earth; let us deal now with the kings of the skies. All religions are poison. They intoxicate and deaden the mind, the will, and the conscience. A fight to the death must be declared upon Religion. Our task is to destroy all kinds of religion, all kinds of morality."

It is evident that Lunacharsky, a most potent influence in the Soviet regime, was no respecter of gods. He declared himself to be in favor of "antireligious activity, smiting all gods equally, attacking all churches, all forms of religious falsehood, *not excluding the most purified and refined manifestation of divine adoration or of mysticism.*"

A still more influential voice than that of Lunacharsky also set forth, in words that none could misconstrue, the attitude of the rulers of Russia toward God. The great Josef Stalin did not hesitate to say:

"We carry on, and will continue to carry on, our propaganda against religious prejudices. *The Communist party cannot be neutral toward religion* and does conduct antireligious propaganda against all and every religious prejudice, because it stands for science, while religious prejudices run counter to science; because all religion is something opposite to science.

"The party cannot be neutral toward the bearers of religious prejudices, toward the reactionary *clergy who poison the minds of the toiling masses. Have we suppressed the reactionary*

clergy? Yes, we have. The unfortunate thing is that it has not been completely liquidated. Antireligious propaganda is a means by which the complete liquidation of the reactionary clergy must be brought about."

It was the German-Jewish scholar, Karl Marx, who coined the much quoted phrase, "Religion is the opiate of the people." Marx was "the doctrinal father" of Communism as we know it today and the author of its antireligious content. Vladimir Ilyich Lenin spent most of his life systematically studying the teachings of Marx, and was Marx's most faithful disciple. Josef Stalin has confessed over and over again that he is but the echo of Lenin, and makes much use of the phrase, "Religion is the opiate of the people." Emil Ludwig quotes Stalin as having said to him, "I am nothing but a pupil of Lenin, and I don't wish to be known as anything else."

It was not alone against the God of the Christian that the Communist hurled his invectives and bombs of destruction. One high ranking Russian official, Comrade Solz, set forth the spiritual goal of the Communist Party by declaring:

"Faith in God, whether it be Jewish, or Christian, only weakens the will of men for the fight. All Gods are the same poison. War without quarter should be declared on all."

Some time ago President Roosevelt and the Vatican were trying to persuade Josef Stalin to permit religious freedom in Russia. The following statement then made by the General Secretary for the Ukraine, at a "Festival of the Godless Union" held in Bessarabia following the annexation of that territory, is interesting. The Communist Secretary said:

"Soviet policy . . . wants no Jews, Christians, or Moslems in the religious sense. We wish to exterminate faith, for if we should be tolerant here, we will one day be annihilated by the Church. So we fight with every kind of severity and cruelty."

There you have it. It is either the Church or Communism! It is either God or it's Gog! It can't be both!

The three gangsters who twisted and muscled and massacred their way into power, constituting the triumvirate that turned

Russia into a madhouse, were—to use their fictitious names—Stalin, Kamenev, and Zinoviev. It was none other than the last named member of this Communistic triumvirate who made the boast, “We will grapple with the Lord God in due season. We will vanquish Him in the highest heaven, and wherever He seeks refuge; and we will subdue Him forever.” However, on August 25, 1936, Zinoviev, and also his companion, Kamenev, were vanquished and subdued forever by the bullets of Josef Stalin. Stalin never hesitates to “liquidate” any one who might challenge his authority.

Religion, no matter how good, cannot be good enough for a Soviet Communist! No! Communism and Religion cannot sleep in the same bed! The living God has no choice in the matter: “I am against thee, O Gog!” And terrible, terrible will be the fury of Jehovah when His day of vengeance arrives!

VII

COMMUNISTIC PROFANATIONS

I possess some posters, printed in Moscow, under approval by the Governmental leaders. One of these shows a Russian workman with a sledge hammer in his hand, crawling up a ladder into the heavens, saying as he crawled: “We have disposed of the gods upon the earth. Now we go up into the heavens to dispose of the God we find there.” Another is a reproduction of a cartoon printed in Moscow showing a soldier of the Red Army, who typifies Communism, kicking off the earth three old men: “God, the Pope, and Capitalism!” Another portrays a Communistic factory worker, alongside a magnificent Soviet industrial plant, humming with activity, dumping “God” out of a wheelbarrow into a dump hole, while another worker stands ready with his shovel to throw in the dirt.

Another poster I possess no more. It was too utterly filthy

and profane even to keep in my possession as an evidence of Gog's horrible profanities. It also was printed with the connivance of the Soviet Government, in the illustrated organ, *Bezbozhnik* (*The Godless One*), which, at the time (1930) was publishing 400,000 copies every week. It was, literally, a weekly volcanic and vitriolic eruption of ridicule, blasphemy, profanity, and foulest filth, inciting the godless into action against all that is pure and holy. This particular cartoon burlesqued the Holy Communion. A caricature of the crucified body of Christ is seen on a table. Underneath the highly colored cartoon are the words: "Take Eat, This Is My Body." The surrounding crowd—a revolting horde of semi-human beings, is munching upon chunks of flesh torn from that body. Two women are depicted gnawing the flesh off the bones of the nail-pierced hands. Another is chewing a foot. Another is biting off an ear. Two of the participants are seen chewing at the entrails, trying to gulp them down. Another hideous, bewhiskered priest has a goblet catching the blood gushing from His pierced side. Louis Patmont, in his book, *The Mystery of Iniquity* (Pg. 89), calls this "the most blasphemous cartoon ever printed." I apologize to my readers for inserting this description of this disgusting and most blasphemous cartoon at this juncture in this book. But, while looking at Communism, let us rip off the mask and behold what a hideous thing it is! The little children of Russia are compelled to look upon it. Looking at it ourselves, we will be better able to understand the prophetic picture of our God with "wrath" in His "nostrils" and with "fury" in His face!

No nation has ever been so guilty of so *profaning* the most sacred things of the infinitely holy God as has the Soviet Government that is still enthroned in Moscow. No wonder that God has decreed wrath upon Gog, saying: "And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; *neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more*: and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel" (Ezek. 39:7).

What nation on earth, other than Soviet Russia, so completely fits into Ezekiel's portrayal of Gog?

Gog's Anti-God "Five-Year Plan."

On May 1, 1932, the Soviet Government issued a decree such as no responsible government on this earth ever before decreed. It was reported by a special correspondent of the *Morning Post* (London). It set forth Russia's famous "Five-Year Plan." It read:

"On May 1, 1937, there must not remain on the territory of the U.S.S.R. a single house of prayer to God, and the very conception 'God' will be banished from the boundaries of the Soviet Union as a survival of the Middle Ages which has served as an instrument for the oppression of the working masses."

Now, May 1, 1937, has already passed into history, and another five years has been reached. At this writing, we have not yet heard that the God of Israel has packed His trunks and moved off the domain of the swaggering old Bear!

However, in their attempt to carry to a successful conclusion their "Five-Year Plan" the Soviet authorities out-Neronized Nero. It was with the issuance of the first decree, in 1918, that thousands of believers in God began to suffer all the horrible agonies that none but completely demonized tyrants could inflict. These sons of hell-born hate were happy only when frenziedly torturing their victims with physical and mental tortures too awful for description. One is almost crazed to madness even when reading the accounts. Nero, at his best, was a third-rate piker when it came to creating implements for the production of ghastly spasms of agony in comparison with the inhuman Felix Dzerzhinsky, who alone brought about the execution (and torture in execution) of nearly 3,000,000 of his own people. It was he who ordered the making of "human gloves" by peeling the skin off the arms and hands of living men and women. Then, later, came the almost equally merciless and hard-hearted Georgian, Josef Vissarionovich Dzugashvili, who, in his youth, had his name changed to "Stalin"—"the man of steel"—now the Russian dictator.

The anti-God program that began in 1918 resulted in a martyrdom seldom, if ever, surpassed even in the darkest ages of the world's history. Within a period of twelve years following,

1,767,600 *Christians* died for their faith—murdered by the Communistic Government still in power. And, by compelling atheistic instruction for all the children in Russia, it has succeeded in eradicating practically the last vestige of faith in the eternal verities from the hearts of all Russian youth. As a result, today there are 25,000,000 youth, between the ages of fifteen and twenty-five years, in this nightmare of the world who have attempted to tear the robes of righteousness from Jesus Christ and have spat upon His wounds, even as they have canonized and haloed the head of Judas Iscariot, embracing a new devil-inspired religion known as “Iscariotism.” These youth are absolutely loyal—fanatically, enthusiastically loyal—to Soviet Russia, even though it enslaves them body, soul, and spirit, and enwraps them with ignorance, suffering, and blood. “They know not what they do!”

Hitler or Stalin—Which?

I detest Hitlerism as I detest a rattlesnake. But I will have to confess that, from the standpoint of religious liberty, Hitlerism comes nigh unto being preferable to Communism. In monarchic Germany the Lutheran Church was the State Church, and received its support from the State through direct taxation of the congregations. When the Nazis come into power they insisted that the clergy be obedient and loyal to the State. Many of the ministers refused to co-operate with the “*New Order*” because of its definitely anti-Christian character, and, consequently, numbers of them were driven from their churches, and were sent into concentration camps, among them Martin Niemoeller.

After the Nazis took over a goodly part of Poland, a Christian, writing from that land declared: “There is more liberty than there used to be under the Polish Government, which mistreated everyone not a Roman Catholic.” However, when it came to any Christian work among the Jews, that was another matter, and it was dangerous for any Christian preacher to attempt it.

Nevertheless, if Adolf Hitler ever becomes the lord of all the earth there is no doubt that the Christian will finally have to

accept the mark of the beast, or march to the stake with the Jew. The absolute truth is that the difference between Josef Stalin and Adolf Hitler is about the difference between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum, with the difference just now slightly in favor of the "dum."

"Hitler or Stalin—Which?" NEITHER!

VIII

GOG WARS ON MORALITY

Communism's Immoral Teachings.

Official Russia seems determined to demolish the three most precious shrines that any nation, past or present, has known—*mother, home, and heaven*. She has made all three objects to be despised by her 25,000,000 youth. *Mother*—only until she is delivered of her child, when she goes back to the factory. The State then becomes the "mother" from whose atheistic breasts the child must draw its milk. *Home*—of course, it perishes with the separation of the mother from her babes. *Heaven*—a piece of mythological lore, deserving only to be anathematized. The repercussions of the Communistic assault upon these three holiest sanctuaries of the human race are being felt violently throughout the whole world today.

In my hand as I write is a little booklet, *Our Understanding of Soviet Russia*, by Corliss Lamont. This booklet is published at one of the headquarters of "Gog" in America—by "Friends of the Soviet Union, 80 E. 11th St., New York." It is indicated thereon that this is the "4th Printing—60th thousand."

On the front of the cover is a drawing that reminds us very much of the cartoons that are published in Russia, with the exception that it does not so plainly reveal its antagonism to God. It shows the great industrial plants in Russia with smoke rolling from the smokestacks—very much alive. In the foreground

stands the usual gigantic workman. In one hand he holds a scroll partly unrolled, entitled "First Five-Year Plan." We have already on these pages revealed that hatred for God and the abolition of all revealed religion is a very definite part of that "Plan." In the other hand he holds another scroll, entitled "Second Five-Year Plan."

My purpose in speaking of this booklet is to call attention to just fourteen lines within it—no more are necessary:

"While the Soviet Union is first and foremost a workers' republic, it is trying to bring into actuality certain universal ideals which ought to appeal to every intelligent and humane person. The American Declaration of Independence, for example, declares that all men have the right to 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' This happens to define in general the aim of the founders of the new Russia."

We are thus given from a reliable source "the aim of the founders of the new Russia." Now, let us read on:

"In their devotion to the great ends of Socialism the citizens of the Soviet Union are literally forgetting themselves. *In their adherence to the new, invigorating loyalties they are being released from age-long and century-long economic fears, sexual repressions and religious feelings of guilt.*"

Need more be said? Let any thinking person weigh well the last statement and he will know how godless Russia interprets our American phrase—"life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." To Communists, it means, in its final analysis, "*being released from . . . sexual repressions and religious feelings of guilt.*"

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, in 1847 and 1848, formulated and gave to the world two historic documents: namely, "Principles of Communism," and, "The Communist Manifesto." These documents set forth the preliminary laws and measures that Marx and Engels deemed necessary to take in "advanced countries" in order to produce the Communist revolution and establish universal Communism. These two documents are still accepted by Communists everywhere as the correct statement of their principles. Earl Browder, the recognized head of the

Communist Party in the United States, announced in his booklet, *The 1940 Elections*: "We have the party . . . a party worthy of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin." Communists in America have printed and recommended to the public, a book in which the "Principles of Communism" are set forth in the form of questions and answers. This book is entitled:

"THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO"

BY KARL MARX AND FRIEDRICH ENGELS

**With Introduction and Explanatory Notes by
D. RYAZNOFF**

Director of Marx-Engels Institute of Moscow

New York: International Publishers

First printed in English in 1930

I present here direct quotations therefrom:

"Question Twenty-one: What influence will the Communist order of society have upon the family?

"Answer: It will make the relations between the sexes a purely individual, private affair, which concerns only the two persons involved; a relationship which is in no way the concern of society. This attitude is made possible because private property will have been abolished and the children will be communally educated."

If what any two people in the "pursuit of happiness" may do, does not concern us, there is another "principle" set forth in the above mentioned volume that should concern us:

"8. Education of all children, as soon as they are old enough to dispense with maternal care, in national institutions at the charge of the nation."

Thus Communism proposes to tear the child from its mother's bosom and enslave its mind with its godless immoralities, the parent having no choice in the matter!

Some years ago a famous world traveler said that he had

been in every land upon which the sun shines; and, nowhere had he seen "a single happy hopeful face among women where the name of Jesus is not known."

History is a story of the agony of womanhood where the Christian faith does not exist.

Russian womanhood, after Godless Communism gained ascendancy in Russia, presents a dark picture. The gods of Communism are Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels. We shall now let these twin gods speak of the place of women in the Communistic state. I quote from the *Communist Manifesto*:

"Nothing is more ridiculous than the virtuous indignation of our bourgeois at the community of women which, they pretend, is to be openly and officially established by the Communists. The Communists have no need to introduce community of women; it has existed almost from time immemorial.

"Our bourgeois, not content with having the wives and daughters of their proletarians at their disposal, not to speak of common prostitutes, take the greatest pleasure in seducing each others' wives.

"Bourgeois marriage is in reality a system of wives in common, and thus, at the most, what the Communists might possibly be reproached with, is that *they desire to introduce*, in substitution for a hypocritically concealed, *an openly legalized community of women.*" (*The Essentials of Marx*, Pages 49 and 50).

Truth is certainly at a premium among Communists from Karl Marx down to Joseph Stalin and Earl Browder. Webster says that the *bourgeois* refers to, "Any person of the middle class." Also it means, as an adjective, "Capitalistic." However, we will let Friedrich Engels himself tell us what he and Marx meant when they used this word. Engels says in his *Notes To The Communist Manifesto*, Page 67: "By bourgeoisie is meant the class of modern capitalists, owners of the means of social production, and employers of wage-labor."

Marx and Engels apparently justify "an *openly* legalized community of women" on the ground that among the bourgeois, it exists secretly. When these two gods of Communism tell the world that because men happen to be employers instead of wage

earners, they therefore belong to a group of men who are "not content with having the wives and daughters of their proletarians at their disposal, not to speak of common prostitutes, [but] take the greatest pleasure in seducing each others' wives," all I have to say is that these gods of Communism are monumental liars!

The writer was the son of a wage earner who for many years made his living swinging a mason hammer and laying up stone. His whole life has been spent among wage earners. His sympathies have always been with them. Nevertheless, his experience with men through the years furnishes abundant evidence that when it comes to morality, the bourgeois have nothing to fear in a comparison with the proletarians. Apparently the gods of Communism are trying to justify the immorality of the social system that they would pawn off on the world of men, by their lies concerning the bourgeois. When it comes to throwing stones in the moral realm of life, it were well for both bourgeois and proletarian to forebear. One thing can be said in favor of the bourgeois, they have never, as a group, openly declared that: "An openly legalized community of women" would aid in making this earth a paradise. Communists have done so!

That it may be known that Communists practice what they preach, I now quote from a book (*The Dial Press*, New York, 1941) written by an American, Anna Louise Strong, who went to Moscow, and edited *Moscow News*, an English-language Soviet propaganda sheet for American consumption. She was a personal friend of Josef Stalin, and should know whereof she speaks. In this book, *The Soviets Expected It*, on Page 59, we read:

"No information about Stalin's home life is ever printed in Soviet newspapers. By Russian tradition, everybody, even a political leader, is entitled to the privacy of his personal life. A very delicate line divides private life from public work. When Stalin's wife died, the black-bordered death notices in the paper mentioned her by her own name, which was not Stalin's, listed her work and connection with various public organizations, and the fact that she was 'the friend and comrade of Stalin.' They did not mention that she was his wife. The fact that she worked

with him might influence his decisions as a comrade was a public matter; the fact that she was married to him was their own affair. Some time later, he was known to have married again, but the press never mentioned it."

Does anyone need further comment on that? Not anyone of ordinary intelligence! However, perhaps it will be only fair to have testimony from another source as to the enchanting paradise that a woman enjoys when she becomes the chief "friend and comrade of Stalin," or any other Communist in Russia. Bruce Reynolds, regarded as an authority on present-day Communistic activities, in his well-known book, *The Communist Shakes His Fist* (Pg. 190), says:

"Recently Stalin dropped his old wife and took a young one (he had no time to go to the registration bureau; the marriage was performed by mail). In like manner was he divorced from his first wife to marry a younger woman. He did not choose to interrupt his work long enough to arrange the simple matter of a divorce at the 'Zags,' the Bureau of Marriage Licenses and Divorces. The divorce had to be granted by proxy, Stalin being represented by a note, delivered by special courier. In family life, too, he is a heavy despot. When he is in a bad mood, he does not speak for entire days to his wife. His wife never appears anywhere; in their house 'she lives as in a harem.'"

Now, it must be remembered that this is written of "a purely individual, private affair, which concerns only the two persons involved; a relationship which is in no way the concern of society." But, then, we are all a little inquisitive! One reason why the Communist bitterly hates God is that God concerns Himself with these very private, personal affairs of men! Perhaps He shouldn't—but He *does*! It is written:

"The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:30, 31).

But, then, Communists don't like the Bible! Little wonder!

I do not hesitate to say, on the basis of six thousand years of human experience, that when once mankind is released from any consciousness of sin, and in "the pursuit of happiness" is set free from all "sexual repressions"—well, then, mankind will be on the pathway to the regions of the damned—to the place where the human race will dissolve in its own iniquities. It is that which will drive mankind back into the putrescent days of Sodom and Gomorrah. To be released from "religious feelings of guilt" means to reach the place where the individual will have no consciousness of sin. Such become color blind. They call black white, and white black. Of them it is written:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" (Isa. 5:20, 21).

"Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness" (Eph. 4:18, 19).

"Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the law of Jehovah of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 5:24).

It is not hard to believe that the word "sin" has no place in the vocabulary of a Communist. Otherwise, they would not name release from "sexual repressions and religious feelings of guilt" (as they do in this pamphlet) "*objectives constantly in the minds of the Russian people and their leaders.*"

As we have seen, the Russian State has set itself against every moral and spiritual ideal which God's Word proclaims. It determines, no matter what the cost, to teach at all times just the opposite of every divine command or holy ordinance. If it is in God's Word, enough!—official Russia is against it!

The whole aim was stated by Lenin's widow: "We must

make our school boys and girls, not merely nonreligious, but actively and passionately antireligious." Just what that means can be understood by reading the accounts of daily events in the den of the old Bear, such as the sentencing of two Russian priests (under the law prohibiting the teaching of religion to any under eighteen) who are even now serving terrible sentences in Siberia for advising groups of young people to preserve their chastity!

Who, among even nonreligious but decent people, can keep from crying aloud in the words of Daniel: "O my Lord, what shall be the issue of these things?" (Dan. 12:8). Fortunately, those who know the "sure word of prophecy" are not left in the dark as to "the issue of these things," even as we shall see. Again I ask: Can it be possible that any nation, save that of Russia, is playing the rôle of Gog? Germany, brutal and depraved as her unconscionable Fuehrer is, has not followed him to the depths of utter godlessness to which the Soviet Government has sunk!

Russia, and Russia alone, fits perfectly into the prophetic picture of Gog!

IX

GOG AT THE BAR OF HUMAN JUDGMENT

The writer confesses that he has used some rather strong language in dealing with the Bolshevik regime that has feasted on flesh and wined on blood for the past quarter of a century. And, lest I should be considered overwrought, it may be well for us to recall how some others, whose opinions are worthy of notice, have felt about the thoughts and deeds of the Soviet despotism. Not many moons ago no less a man than Mr. Winston Churchill himself made this statement:

"Lenin was the grand repudiator. He repudiated everything. He repudiated God, King, country, morals, treaties, debts,

rents, interest, the laws and customs of centuries, all contracts written or implied, the whole structure—such as it is—of human society. In the end he repudiated himself.”

Let it be borne in mind that Josef Stalin remarked to Emil Ludwig, “I am nothing but a pupil of Lenin, and I don’t wish to be known as anything else.”

Has anyone heard of Stalin being converted from “Leninism” since Mr. Churchill voiced that candid opinion of the character of the Bolshevik dictator?

The Hon. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of Agriculture in the Hoover Cabinet, recognized the Red menace and said in a public address:

“I have found an amazing lot of Americans who viewed the Soviet Government as a benign experiment in social reorganization. Great God, my friends, they put on the cross and crucify every institution that the American people hold dear! They crucify the home! They stultify the school! They abrogate the Church! Every institution which we Americans hold to be fundamental is on the rack in Russia, and yet there are Americans with stomachs strong enough to view it as a benign experiment!”

The Hon. Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State in Woodrow Wilson’s Cabinet, said:

“The regime existing in Russia is based on the negation of every principle of honor and good faith and every usage and convention underlying the whole structure of international law.”

Charles Evans Hughes, in the election of 1916, lacked but a few votes in California that would have made him President of the United States, and for twelve years afterwards he sat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States as its Chief Justice. He was bitterly opposed to the United States recognizing Russia. He said:

“Most serious is the continued propaganda to overthrow the institutions of this country. This Government can enter into no obligations until these efforts directed from Moscow are abandoned.”

The Hon. Hamilton Fish, Jr., Representative to Congress from the State of New York, and who was the Chairman of the Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the activities of Communism in the United States and to report back to Congress, said of the present Communist movement sponsored by the Government of Russia:

"This seditious movement seeks to destroy every American principle, ideal, and tradition handed down to us by our Fathers, and to displace the American Flag with the Red Flag of Russia. I believe that the American Government would be justified in spending millions to guard against alien revolutionary conspiracy now in our midst and aimed at the heart of our nation and at the life, liberty, and happiness of our people."

Ex-President Herbert Hoover, in his book, *The Challenge To Liberty*, published in 1935, quotes the words of Will Durant. Mr. Durant went to Russia in a sympathetic mood. He returned in anything but a sympathetic mood, and wrote *The Tragedy of Russia*. From that book Mr. Hoover quotes with strong approval, as follows:

"Surely the time has come for the intellectuals, the liberals, . . . and the radicals of the world to speak out about this new slavery, to call it clearly and bluntly what it is. . . . It has terrorized the public with marching armies, secret police, merciless penalties, and a million spies. It has deported or shot hundreds of thousands of men and women solely for political heresy and nonconformance. . . . It has suppressed all freedom of speech or assembly, and, in effect, has raised a thousand obstacles against the freedom of worship and belief. . . . Slavery, barbarism, and desolation—those, fundamentally, despite a thousand minor virtues, is what Russia is today."

On November 4, 1941, ex-President Hoover issued a public statement strenuously protesting the attitude of the Government of the United States toward Finland in relation to the conflict of Soviet Russia. Mr. Hoover said:

"Only two years ago this peaceful little nation was outrageously attacked by Communist Russia. Our whole country heralded Finland's resistance as the most heroic stand of de-

mocracy since Thermopylæ. The Finns, to save something, surrendered their land to Russia. *Then the Communists drove 600,000 Finnish men, women, and children from the homes they had held for 500 years—without even bedclothes to protect them from the winter.* True, their armies have gone into Karelia. Formerly that was also mostly Finnish. Can America reproach them for taking the first chance to recover these homes and their former countrymen? *Has America lost all sense of human and moral proportions?"*

Ex-President Hoover knew only too well whereof he was speaking. As it was in Finland, even so it was in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—and worse! When the Red Armies of aggression moved into those small but liberty-loving and highly cultivated Baltic republics, some of the most frightful episodes of history took place. Immediately the most revolting attacks, in every conceivable form, were directed against religion. Our State Department assuredly is in possession of two Reports made by the Latvian Minister to these United States describing the work of the inhuman beasts that prowled out of their den in Moscow to make their foul lairs in these once free lands. One of these Reports was contained within a *Latvian Information Bulletin* of February, 1941. I quote in part:

"The religious persecution has started at once as soon as the Bolshevik regime has been introduced by the invaders.

"Churches have been transformed in many cases into movies or clubs for the Communist organizations.

"Only in a few of them is divine service permitted, and during the service armed militia enter in order to supervise the services.

"Some of the clergymen have been tortured to death."

The second Report was again a *Latvian Information Bulletin*, dated in June, 1941. Here is a portion of it:

"Many churches have been transformed into moving picture houses, Red Army clubs, and one church in Libau has been turned into a circus.

"Divine services have been seriously curtailed and are permitted only in a few instances.

"Even then, services are often interrupted and interfered

with by the Red militiamen and their Communist provocateurs, who would smoke during services, make offending and sacrilegious remarks.

"Many clergymen have been jailed, tortured, put to hard labor in concentration camps, deported to Soviet Russia.

"According to the best available and verified accounts, more than ten thousand representatives of religious, political and cultural life in Latvia have been torn from their homes and families and deported to Siberia and Soviet Central Asia."

Confirmation of these Reports are to be had elsewhere. For instance, the *Svenska Dagbladet*, of Stockholm, Sweden, printed a letter from its correspondent in Riga, declaring that "the Bolsheviks had the intention to annihilate the existence of Latvia as a nation" and revealed the "gruesome terror before the departure of the Russians," declaring that "eighty to ninety per cent of the intellectuals of the country had disappeared." Then, he continued:

"The purpose was simply to '*sink the whole of Latvia to the level of the Soviet Union*' and the destruction of all the factors which enable the Latvian people to survive—in the first place, the educated people and the farmers. . . .

"With these measures the Russians intended to sweep away the whole nation and make the country empty.

"Men, women and children, old and sick—nobody could escape."

What occurred in Latvia took place also in Estonia and Lithuania—a horrible story when fully told, which, of itself, would occupy a shelf of volumes.

On February 10, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expressed the sympathy of the people of America for Finland in her struggle against the Communistic aggressors of Moscow. He said:

"Here is a small republic in northern Europe which, without any question whatever, aims solely to maintain its own territorial and governmental integrity. Nobody with any pretense of common sense believes that Finland had any ulterior design on the integrity or the safety of the Soviet Union. That Ameri-

can sympathy is 98 per cent with the Finns in their effort to stave off invasion of their own soil is now axiomatic."

On May 27, 1941, President Roosevelt, in an appeal to the American people, again said:

"Today the whole world is divided between slavery and human freedom—between pagan brutality and Christian ideals. . . . We will accept only a world consecrated to freedom of speech and expression—freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—freedom from want—and freedom from terrorism."

When President Roosevelt uttered those words there were just two men who represented the acme of human slavery and pagan brutality. One was Josef Stalin of Russia; the other was Adolf Hitler of Germany.

At about the same time Winston Churchill in England, in one of his dramatic flights of oratory, expressed also the indignation of the British people. He said:

"Only Finland, superb, nay, sublime—sublime in the jaws of peril—shows what free men can do. The service rendered by Finland to mankind is magnificent.

"Everyone can see how Communism robs the soul of a nation, how it makes it abject and hungry in peace and proves it base and abominable in war.

"We cannot tell what the fate of Finland may be, but no more mournful spectacle could be presented to what is left to civilized mankind than that this splendid northern race should be at last worn down and reduced to servitude worse than death by the dull, brutish force of overwhelming numbers."

Really, can any thinking person be so deluded as to believe that the raper of Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania has had a sudden change of heart since Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill expressed their indignation?

X

ANY AMERICAN OR BRITISH ALLIANCE
WITH GOG IS ABNORMAL*"Religious Freedom" in Russia.*

All Christian people in America need to pray earnestly in this perilous hour that the President of our great Republic—this great citadel of religious liberty—will not permit himself nor those who rule with him to be deceived by the wily old Bear of Moscow. Our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, recently referred publicly to the "freedom of worship" enjoyed (?) by the Russian people. Bear in mind, there is a sharp contrast between "religious liberty" as it is defined in the Soviet Constitution and religious liberty as we understand the term in America. Dean Luther A. Weigle of Yale University, President of The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, on October 5, 1941, issued to the public the following very timely statement, which doubtless has been brought to President Roosevelt's attention:

"There is a vast difference between religious freedom in America and freedom of worship in Russia. The Soviet Constitution does not guarantee the same freedom for religion that it guarantees for antireligion. Article 124, to which President Roosevelt referred, states that 'freedom of religious *worship* and freedom of antireligious *propaganda* are recognized for all citizens.' This means, then, that *the right of propaganda is recognized for the forces that oppose religion but not for religion itself, which is robbed of its proper means of defense.*

"Religious freedom, as we have known it in America, includes not only freedom of conscience and of private worship but also at least these four rights: (1) freedom of assembly for worship, (2) freedom of organization for the maintenance and spread of religion, (3) freedom of witness to the faith and of endeavor to persuade others to accept it, (4) freedom of religious nurture and of religious education of children and youth.

"The significance of Article 124 in the Soviet Constitution must be understood in the light of specific decrees of the Soviet Government. These forbid the teaching of religion to those under eighteen years of age. Moreover, the Soviet Government in its educational policy supports atheism as the accepted philosophy of the State. The result is that *there is complete freedom for attack upon religion but no such freedom for the defense of religion.*

"President Roosevelt's interest in religious freedom, as emphasized on several occasions, merits deep appreciation, but it is to be hoped that he will not be misled into assuming that the freedom which is guaranteed under the Russian Constitution has any real resemblance to the religious freedom which we have known in America. If he can help to interpret to Russia the meaning of religious freedom in the full American sense he will earn the gratitude of all men of Christian insight and conviction." (*Federal Council Bulletin, November, 1941*).

The "Four Freedoms."

It was in his January (1941) address that President Roosevelt announced to the entire world that America proposes to work for a moral order for all nations, based upon the "four freedoms," namely, *freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear*. Certainly every loyal American can truly pray: "*God bless that program everywhere in the world!*"

The Hon. Robert A. Taft, United States Senator from Ohio, son of a former President of the United States, and himself an outstanding candidate for nomination to the Presidency at the last Republican National Convention, in an address on June 25, 1941, over the Columbia Broadcasting System, discussed the speech of President Roosevelt. This speech, under the caption, *Russia and the Four Freedoms*, was printed in the *Congressional Record* of June 26, 1941. From that address we quote:

"How can anyone swallow the idea that Russia is battling for democratic principles? . . .

"To spread the four freedoms throughout the world we will ship airplanes and tanks and guns to Communist Russia. But no country was more responsible for the present war and Ger-

many's aggression than Russia itself. Except for the Russian pact with Germany, there would have been no invasion of Poland. Then Russia proved to be as much of an aggressor as Germany. If, through our aid, Stalin is continued in power do you suppose that he will spread the four freedoms through Finland and Esthonia and Latvia and Lithuania? Do you suppose that anybody in Russia itself will ever hear of the four freedoms after the war? Apparently we are to follow bundles for Britain with packages for Petrograd. In the name of democracy we are to make a Communist alliance with the most ruthless dictator in the world. Could there be a greater travesty on the false propaganda fed to the American people that this is a great moral issue between ideologies? If Hitler wins it is a victory for Fascism. If Stalin wins it is a victory for Communism. From the point of view of ideology there is no choice.

"But the victory of Communism in the world outside of America would be far more dangerous to the United States from an ideological standpoint than the victory of Fascism. . . .

"On May 27 the President made a great emotional appeal to the people. He said, 'Today the whole world is divided between slavery and human freedom—between pagan brutality and the Christian ideal.' On May 27 Stalin represented human slavery and pagan brutality. On June 24 he represents human freedom and the Christian ideal. The President said further, 'We will accept only a world consecrated to freedom of speech and expression—freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—freedom from want—and freedom from terrorism.' Will that part of the world which Stalin conquers with our airplanes and our tanks be consecrated to freedom of speech and expression? Will it be consecrated to freedom of every person to worship God in his own way? Will it be consecrated to freedom from want and freedom from terrorism?"

An Abnormal "Alliance."

The present World War is not only the most extensive war—the most costly and the most ominous—but it is the strangest war that has ever been waged upon the face of all the earth. The people of Great Britain and the United States, together with all their allies, are in this battle for the "four freedoms"—a battle which, if not won, will make the face of the earth unfit for further human habitation. There are things more precious

than life itself—things without which life is not worthwhile. The “four freedoms” are among these things. However, in this tremendous struggle for the preservation of our “four freedoms” imagine, if you can, Russia being our ally!

Hitler invaded Poland from the west. Immediately Stalin gave the signal and his hordes invaded Poland from the east. The two armies, at that time, were not bent on each other’s destruction. They marched to meet in central Poland as “friends”—both damnable aggressors! The one was just as foul and as crafty and as cruel a cutthroat as the other. It was intolerable for liberty-loving, democratic nations. Great Britain and France started their legions marching—*against Hitler!* What about Stalin? However, Hitler marched first! That’s all that is sayable *now!*

The farmers living in the villages and collective farms of the Ukraine in 1932 protested against the Government robbing them of their grain in order to secure funds to carry on the Communistic program. But Josef Stalin, like unto an Asiatic satrap, tolerates no obstacles in the path he marks out for himself. He immediately charged the farmers with failing to co-operate with the Soviet program, and ordered his armed bandits into the Ukraine. They stripped the Ukraine peasants of practically all their grain and other means of subsistence, and let them starve! The peasants begged for food—in vain! Stalin laughed as they wept and died!

During the winter and spring of 1932-1933, it is declared, ten per cent of the population of the Ukraine perished in a “State-organized” famine. While the people starved, the Government exported from its rich grain district 1,500,000 tons of grain. Forty-five thousand of the unhappy inhabitants of the Ukraine who refused to die were exiled to Siberia, while their farms were turned over to former soldiers and others who agreed to “co-operate” and carry out Stalin’s orders. History does not furnish a similar instance of a ruler meting out such wholesale punishment upon his own people, when they simply asked for a bit of justice. Even upon an *enemy* no such punishment has been visited since the days when demonized Asiatic conquerors were wont to put to the sword all the inhabitants of

captured cities and build pyramids out of their skulls. Speaking of this "State-organized" famine, the usually reliable Washington (D.C.) *Post* declared: "All Europe knows of this new atrocity. Let us pray for these helpless victims—men, women, and children."

All told, the bodies of more than three million martyrs, subjects of Russia, died under direct orders of a dictator as brutal as Genghis Khan or Adolf Hitler. One would think that visions in the night would haunt and drive Stalin insane, yet, from all reports, he goes to bed and sleeps like a baby!

I am not saying that the governments of Great Britain or of America are happy in their present relationship with the Moscow regime. Doubtless the expediencies of war have driven them to an alliance, or at least, to a near-alliance. *Adolf Hitler must be defeated!* So must the deified Hirohito of Tokyo! With *that* we all agree! And it seems reasonable that in that task we should welcome any help we can get. However, are the real democracies of the world fooling themselves into believing that when they have pulverized into dust the ambitious beasts of Berlin and Tokyo they will not then have to deal with the beast of Moscow, if the "four freedoms" are to be maintained upon the earth?

I doubt that any sane man still possessing a thimbleful of gray matter can inveigle himself into believing that if democracy is to live upon the earth after Adolf Hitler and Emperor Hirohito are given their death blows we will not have to deal then with Stalin.

Joseph Hoffman Cohn, of New York, head of the *American Board of Missions to the Jews*, himself a close student of, and in close touch with, conditions in Europe, says, in his magazine, *The Chosen People*:

"Russia is still the treacherous enigma of the world chess-board. It can hardly be said that she is our ally, and yet Russia is supposed to be fighting the battle with Great Britain and America against the Nazis. But we still cannot evade the conviction that partnership with a Godless brute such as Stalin is, must in the end be paid for."

Lady Marley, wife of Britain's former Undersecretary of War, recently made a visit to Los Angeles "*singing praises of Russia and of Russia's rôle in the world conflict.*" At a press conference she announced: "You can say Lady Marley is not a Communist." Maybe not! However, her husband, Lord Marley, was delegate to the Communist Congress against War in Shanghai in 1933, and because he was regarded as a Communist he was refused permission to land in Japan.

After assuring the press that she was "not a Communist," Lady Marley continued:

"But I have been in Russia time and time again, and I stress Russia because I feel there is need of understanding of that country by the other Allied nations. I have a firm belief that Russia's part in the battle against Germany will bring about the end of the war."

I certainly agree with Lady Marley that "there is need of understanding of that country"—Russia! Otherwise, I would not be writing this book!

If I were journeying over a dark, lonely road and some notorious marauding gunman, with notches aplenty on his gun, were to rush out of the bush and threaten my destruction, and then suddenly another marauder, looking even more ferocious, were to come forth from some other where and leap upon my assailant—just what would I do? In my honest opinion I think I would ask the Lord to help the second marauder and possibly I would "lease-loan" him any weapon in my possession that he might use more effectively than I. But let me tell you that while bully No. 2 was finishing off bully No. 1 to my satisfaction, I would secrete anything of value about my person in the best way I could. I might be willing to laud the second gangster for his fighting ability and thank him for his help, but right there my lauds would end! I certainly wouldn't spend any of my energy running up and down the streets of my home town "singing his praise."

Lady Marley toured the United States, speaking to throngs of American citizens. She spoke on the night of March 14, 1942, at the great Philharmonic Auditorium in Los Angeles.

The wily old Bolsheviks of the land of Gog are certainly making the best of the opportunity that this world war is furnishing to impregnate our people with their doctrines. Make no mistake—the Bolsheviks have no interest in assisting us in maintaining the American way of life. They are interested only in carrying out their plans for the conquest of the earth!

"America's Greatest Danger."

The author does not want to be critical of the United States and Great Britain for accepting assistance from a beast in order to destroy a beast. Nevertheless, it is his conviction that it would be better for America to go down alone fighting a glorious fight to preserve the political and spiritual faiths of our fathers than to live and be so conscienceless as to wink at the crimes of Russia. Let us not lose our souls in order to obtain the help of anyone in this conflict. The greatest danger America faces today is not the danger of losing the war but of losing all else that can possibly make the winning of the war worth while.

"Too late! Too late!" exclaimed Marshal Petain on the banks of the Meuse as he watched the feeble efforts of the French army to stem the German tidal wave of mechanized movement. The German had been working for years day and night creating his battalions of steel and fire while France was reclining sweetly in the lap of Morpheus. May America awake before we hear her true patriots sob: "*Too late! Too late!*"

A Prayer and a Warning.

O America, America! How I pray that my native country, founded by fathers and mothers who recognized and feared God, will again turn to Him, as in days of old! But we have forsaken God, and have wandered far from the landmarks that our fathers placed. Otherwise, America could have no fellowship whatever with a government that has proclaimed to the world that its first duty is to drive God from His throne and to destroy all faith in the great spiritual realities that alone can save men from sin, and give comfort to the despairing and hope to the dying.

How fervently I wish that my poor, bleeding country might turn her ears away from her worldly advisers and attune them to the prophets of the living God, whose words have never been broken, and never can be broken, for in those words there is wisdom. How I long that the rulers of America might "know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men" as of old, "and giveth it to whomsoever he will"; and if He "setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17 A.V.), then it is because we have greatly sinned and the chastening rod must fall. If that chastening rod will drive us back to God, then there is hope. Otherwise, there will be only the final judgment.

To turn back to a living faith in the God who has not yet forsaken the world that He made or the man that He created in His own image—that is the way back to the strength that will conquer *all* our foes and place our feet again upon the pathways of enduring peace. The nation that puts upon every silver dollar that it coins the words, "IN GOD WE TRUST," should strive to make them more than an empty phrase. It should translate that phrase into action, and prove by its deeds that its "trust" is "in God" and not in arms of flesh. If real faith in God—the God Who can put up whom He will and put down whom He will—if real faith in God were in our breasts, we certainly would avoid making any alliances with an archenemy of God.

Listen, America! Once upon a time a nation that had been the Lord's wandered far away from His pathway. By its deeds that nation said: "*We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us*" (Isa. 28:15 A.V.). Then, in such an hour, there was nothing for a truly holy Omnipotence to do but to withdraw His protecting arm from around the people who had made "lies" their "refuge" and let the overflowing scourge—the Assyrian—the *flagellum Dei* ("the scourge of God")—pass through! *And pass through he did!*

Certain it is that most of the defeats and consequent sorrows that came to Israel in the olden time came to them because of

unholy alliances. God thundered forth His fiat through the lips of the prophet Isaiah:

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

"And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand" (Isa. 28:17-18 A.V.).

Moreover, through this same great prophet the God of Israel hurled His defiance against the Godless Gentile powers of the earth:

"Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

"Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand" (Isa. 8:9, 10 A.V.).

And then, in the same breath, the prophet turned his attention to the people of God and gave them sound advice and solemn warning, saying:

"God is with us.

"For the Lord spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

"Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. . . .

"And I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him" (Isa. 8:10-13, 17 A.V.).

O, America, my country, if, in this dark hour of your distress, you would avoid making any confederacy with any man or nation that does not have God in all his thoughts, and turn your face up unto the everlasting hills, crying with the prophet, "I will look for Him," then, indeed, thy children would need have no fear. The God of Israel Who laid the glory of Nebuchadnezz-

zar in the dust still reigns and will be a defense unto those who put their trust in Him.

On the evening of April 14, 1865, a bullet was fired into the brain of America's most beloved President, Abraham Lincoln. The nation was tremendously shocked and aroused to a frenzy. A great mob took possession of the streets of New York. The *New York World*, as a newspaper, had been unfriendly and critical of Lincoln. Suddenly a shout went up from the mob: "*To the World!*" Instantly, the maddened people became an uncontrollable horde surging toward *The World* building. Just then a strong young man mounted some elevation and waved a small flag in an endeavor to still the people. Seeing him, several voices shouted, "Another telegram from Washington!" Everybody stopped, of course, to listen to the "telegram." Then that strong young man lifted his eyes reverently to heaven and in clear, deep, strong tones, said: "*Fellow citizens! Clouds and darkness are round about Him! His pavilion are dark waters and thick clouds of the skies! Justice and judgment are the habitation of His throne! Mercy and truth shall go before His face! Fellow citizens! God reigns and the government at Washington still lives!*"

One present at that scene wrote: "The crowd stood rigidly to the ground with awe, gazing at the motionless orator and thinking of God and the security of the government in that hour." The tumult of the mob subsided. A mighty voice, speaking a message from the Word of God, stilled a mighty passion. James A. Garfield was the young man who, at that moment of danger, lifted his voice above the storm. He had stayed the mob bent upon fire, destruction, and death. America, at this moment, needs another James A. Garfield to direct the thoughts of our country, not to Russia or to Britain, but unto the God Who still rules in the kingdom of men. He rules, even though sometimes, even as now, for purposes of judgment He may "set up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17 A.V.). "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33:12 A.V.).

XI

HAS GOG BEEN CONVERTED?

It would seem almost incredible that the man who but a few months ago stood justly condemned in the eyes of the whole civilized world as a capital criminal—as its “No. 1 Gangster”—deserving only slaughter, should now be considered by so many as one to be excused, forgiven, and taken to our bosoms. Stalin, only a few short months ago judged to be a shrewd, cunning, beastly dictator, seems suddenly to have become, in the eyes of many, a beneficent ruler and a wonderful patriot. What has happened? Have we any evidence that a real conversion has taken place? Or is the old Bear, after devouring the flesh and blood of a multitude of sheep, now using their skins for a covering? We cannot believe that many thinking people will consider him to be any different from the ruthless murderer and torturer of any and all who crossed his imperial pathway, that he was when he ravished Poland and Finland and blotted out the democracies of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Last October, a New York daily displayed a headline: “*Moscow Charges Nazis Aim to End Christianity*”! The dispatch which the above headlines captioned read in part:

“The Moscow radio in its Slovak, Netherland, Rumanian, and Bulgarian bulletins called upon ‘all God-loving inhabitants of the occupied countries to rise in defense of their religious freedom.’”

Well, well! What righteous indignation! How solicitous for Christianity! How apprehensive lest Christianity should perish from the earth! *Don't laugh!* However, it is to be noted that the Moscow radio urged only “all God-loving inhabitants of the OCCUPIED countries to rise in defense of their religious freedom.” Otherwise, the six peasant boys who were reported by *The Sunday School Times* some months ago as having been

caught on the outskirts of Leningrad reading their Bibles and therefore sentenced to ten years' imprisonment by the Leningrad criminal court—otherwise, these boys might have responded to the radio call!

Several months ago, one hundred British and American delegates, together with their Russian "colleagues," gathered at the old fortress in Moscow, the Kremlin, for the celebration of the "successful conclusion" of a conference at which they worked out a long-term program for the delivery of war supplies to the Soviet. Into that assembly, at the strategical moment, walked Josef Stalin. He sat down at the head of the table where the banquet was being served, and the toast began. One American reported that Stalin appeared to them as "a nice old gentleman with a very fine face."

Finally, there came a big moment. Stalin rose, lifted his cup to President Roosevelt, and, with reverent voice, said: "*May God help him in his task!*"

The delegates nearly fell from their chairs. Josef Stalin had acknowledged the existence of God! All over the world the presses became hot, running off columns, heralding the story of the "conversion" of the dictator of all Russia. Gog was converted! That was, indeed, something to talk about! Back of the curtains in the old Red Square, of course, *no one giggled!* No! *They laughed out loud!*

We will have to give the old Bear of the northland credit for being a greater contortionist than we had imagined. Who would have thought that that old grizzly could squeeze himself into the skin of a sheep?

Vincent Sheean, war correspondent, who had toured the Far East, declined to call the Russians "our Allies." At a lecture in Los Angeles he cried, "They don't care two hoots about us or the British!" Vincent Sheean is right! For our bombers—for our tanks—for our billions—yes! But if ever it shall suit the well-laid plans of Communism to conquer and rule the world, to toss us overboard, there will be no hesitation—it will be done with demoniacal delight! Yes, in that hour America,

Quisling-cursed, will know that the rulers of Gog—Godless atheists all—were never our friends!

As for me, I have but one word of praise for the man who prowls within the Kremlin: he is doing a fine job just now (May, 1942) chewing the legs off the foul beast that meandered from Berlin into his icy domain. Let "dog eat dog" and the Lord help them both! But—*Gog is still Gog!* Neither wool nor "fine face" nor pious grunt should deceive us!

There is not—there cannot be—true religious freedom under the Soviet regime, simply because faith in God and Communism cannot abide underneath the same roof. Faith in God inculcates in men and women a moral sense; and moral sense does not fit into the Communist scheme. The whole output of Communist "literature" reeks with hatred of God and all that would remind men of God. This hatred is exhibited in a "hymn" that has been used in Communist "Sunday schools," not only in Russia, but all over Christendom. It is used regularly in Communist "Sunday schools" in London, unless use of it has ceased since the present war began. Several years ago I saw this "hymn" in a Communist periodical in Seattle, Washington. Here is one verse; and, *one verse is enough!*

"The whole world at last is beginning to see,
The blight of the world is Jesus!
Like sunshine at noonday, free thought has shown me,
The blight of the world is Jesus!
Keep off the blight or blighted you'll be,
Blighted for life by credulity.
Once I believed but now I can see,
The blight of the world is Jesus."

A little more than a year ago, a Communist gathering took place but a few miles from where I now write. I present here a replica of the heading of the circular that was distributed here in Southern California, announcing this meeting.

Underneath this heading was a poem of some length, a part of which I give here to prove the extremely malicious hatred of Communism for the Christ. Remember, this is not in Russia, where hatred of Christ is enthroned in the Kremlin, but in

ATTENTION CHRISTIANS !!**Be sure to attend the Book & Author Luncheon****At****VISTA DEL ARROYO HOTEL,***Pasadena, California***FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 1940—at 12:15 Promptly***Hear the Distinguished Young Negro Poet***LANGSTON HUGHES****Author of the following poem, and member of the
American section of Moscow's****"INTERNATIONAL UNION OF REVOLUTIONARY
WRITERS"**

America, where it seeks enthronement in the White House.
I quote:

"GOODBYE CHRIST"

"Listen, Christ,
 You did all right in your day, I reckon—
 But that day's gone now.
 They ghosted you up a swell story too,
 Called it Bible—
 But its dead now.
 The popes and the preachers 've
 Made too much money from it. . . .
 You ain't no good no more.
 They've pawned you
 Till you've done worn out.
 Good-bye,
 Christ Jesus, Lord God Jehova,
 Beat it on away from here now.
 Make way for a new guy with no religion at all—
 A real guy named
 Marx Communist Lenin Peasant Stalin
 Worker ME—
 I said, ME!
 Go ahead on now. . . .
 And step on the gas, Christ!

The world is mine from now on—
 Move!
 Don't be so slow about movin'!
 And nobody's gonna sell ME
 To a king, or a general,
 Or a millionaire."

Then at the bottom of the circular, a copy of which is before me as I write, is the invitation:

"ATTEND THE LUNCHEON CHRISTIANS

And Hear

MR. LANGSTON HUGHES

Distinguished young Negro poet—and eat, *if you can.*"

There may have been some "Christians" there—"parlor pinks," pulpit Quislings—I do not know! "Eat—if you can!" Excuse me! I prefer not to!

When Man Deifies Man.

But what happens when the Christ of God is eradicated from the minds of men? The inevitable happens—man, the worshipping being seeks elsewhere for some object to worship; for *worship he will!* The lowest and most ignorant human being will take a stick from any old tree, whittle it down a bit, then daub some charcoal thereon to represent eyes, nose, and mouth, stick it in the ground and fall down in adoration before it. All sorts of images are carved out and stuck up on walls, on poles, or on pedestals, as being something to worship—*gods!* Sun, moon, stars, dragons, demons, bulls, cows, calves, hawks, serpents, fish, fish bones, anything, everything, men who know not the true God will bow down and worship. Almost beyond belief, but true, they will make images of the male genitals and prostrate themselves before them in devout worship! *Phallicism* they call it. Such reverence was characteristic of most primitive religions. It found its way into cultured Greece and was prominent in the ritual of Dionysos. Carved emblems used in this worship are found all over the pagan and heathen world, and the worship itself is still quite prevalent. As might be expected, dancing, and the intoxicating cup, and all sorts of vile orgies

entered into this devotion. *To what awful depths mankind sinks when it becomes separated from God!*

Some time ago the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, in an editorial, told of the impromptu prayer of a little refugee child: "Dear God, please take care of Yourself, for if anything happens to You, we're sunk!" If six thousand years of human story have not confirmed the prayer of that little refugee child, then history has no meaning! Without God, nations are sunk! Without God, Russia becomes Gog! Without God, the glory that America inherited from the Pilgrim Fathers and the freedom she inherited from Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln—all will pass into oblivion, as did the glory of Egypt, of Babylon, of Greece, and of Rome!

It is inevitable that the men who will kneel in reverence before "the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things," will not hesitate to deify the highest of all known creatures apart from God—that is, *man*! Phallicism is, in its final analysis, the deification of man! Communism, barring God from the minds of men, already gives proof of its readiness to deify man.

In Moscow a gruesome, mummified figure, with red hair and red lips, reposes in a glass case in the Red Square under a red light, in a red-hung mausoleum. It is the body of Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov Lenin, creator and guiding spirit of the Soviet Republics and the Communist International, the fervid disciple of Karl Marx, the *Fuehrer* of the Bolshevik Party, and organizer of the "October Revolution" in Russia. It is said that scientists have discovered a way to preserve this body so remarkably that it appears to have life. Vast throngs tiptoe slowly in solemn hush past that bier, each individual pausing for a moment as in adoration of a dead god. These multitudes watch by day. What about the night?

We cannot vouch for the truthfulness of the story, but it was told some years ago by one who often had been on the scene and who spoke the language of the people:

"When the crowds are shut out, when there is no one to watch except those who are there for an especial purpose, then strange

things occur. For they are trying to bring him back to life. Apparently they are using injections of some kind. I know no more. I can tell you no more except that his beard continues to grow. I hear that they have to trim it every two weeks. But hair has grown on other dead men, so this is not a very striking indication of what might occur."

But what "*might occur*"? Doubtless the writer had in mind the Scriptural prophecy of the "beast" who was seen by the Seer in his vision on Patmos:

"And I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and HIS DEATH-STROKE WAS HEALED: and the whole earth wondered after the beast" (Rev. 13:3).

Will Lenin prove to be that beast? The writer does not so believe. The "beast" of Revelation will come forth out of the Roman Empire, and not out of the Russian nation. Later, as we shall see, the one will destroy the other. In the meantime, it is certainly of interest to know that in the Red Square of Moscow there exists the desire, if not still the attempt, to heal the "death-stroke" of one of the greatest villains that ever ruled over a nation and cursed it as he ruled—Vladimir Lenin!

While Lenin rose out of a territory from which the Antichrist cannot come, for such is my understanding, yet in many ways he could fulfill the prophetic picture of the Antichrist. I can understand how there are those who confuse the prophetic picture of Gog with that of the Antichrist.

But be not deceived, Gog is hell's last, save one, super-monster! When the specter of him rose before the eyes of the prophet of God twenty-five centuries ago, the eternal God cried: "*I am against thee, O Gog!*" There will be no quarter in that fight, and the fateful hour comes on apace!

XII

GOG HOOKED IN HIS JAWS

"And I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army" (Ezek. 38:4).

Here is a prophetic picture that the Stalins, the Hitlers, the Mussolinis, the Hirohitos, and all the other inflated dictators of earth could ponder with profit. They and their god, who is none other than Satan, "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4)—*they* may be mighty, but there is only One Who is Almighty, and *He* is against them, against their "god," and against all their hosts: "*I am against thee, O Gog!*"

These latter-day enemies of God and of His people gloat as they spread their devastating wings over the earth and befoul the air with their fetid breath. The armed might of these emissaries of the Devil seems so great today that even faithful saints begin to quiver and even to doubt the power of their God as they take to cover, and fear to speak, lest they die. But it were better, O saints of God—it were better to die than to kneel before these modern ogres and inhale the atmosphere poisoned, defiled, and putrefied by the stench of their presence.

But here is enduring comfort from the Word of God for all who mourn in an hour such as this:

"Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him:

Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,
Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to
pass. . . .

For evil-doers shall be cut off;

But those that wait for Jehovah, they shall inherit the land.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:

Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and he shall
not be. . . .

The wicked plotteth against the just,

And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
 The Lord will laugh at him;
 For he seeth that his day is coming. . . .
 I have seen the wicked in great power,
 And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.
 But one passed by, and, lo, he was not:
 Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found"
 (Psa. 37:7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 35, 36).

"I will put hooks into thy jaws!" "I will bring thee forth!" "I will turn thee back!" Sounds as if the vicious old northern Bear, when he emerges from his ill-smelling den, will have the proverbial "ring in his nose!" This one who is to be proclaimed as "commander" (38:7, marg.) unto all the anti-God forces on the earth thus appears in the final prophetic picture as a sort of gigantic monkeyish ass—an ass in that he possesses the audacity to lift his heels against the eternal God Who sits in the heavens above, and monkeyish in that he prances about with a hook in his jaw and the chain in the hand of the God of the Jew! No wonder that "he that sitteth in the heavens will laugh" (Psa. 2:4). Thomas À Kempis was right: *"Man proposes, but God disposes."*

Once upon a time the greatest dictator of them all, even Nebuchadnezzar, swaggered about on the walls of old Babylon. Looking out over that magnificent city, surrounded by walls of solid masonry thirty feet thick and towering three hundred feet into the air, garrisoned by men of war who had conquered the world and had laid at his feet the wealth of a hundred and twenty pillaged provinces—Nebuchadnezzar, looking out upon his glory, with his chest expanding almost to the bursting point, cried:

"Is not this great Babylon, which *I* have built for the royal dwelling-place, by the might of *my* power and for the glory of *my* majesty?" (Dan. 4:30).

Then, the divine record goes on to relate:

"While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from thee: And

thou shalt be driven from men; and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall pass over thee; until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Dan. 4:31-32).

All of which, brought down to modern parlance, meant: "Nebuchadnezzar, you trot along out into the fields, fall down upon your belly, and eat grass like the beast that you are until some measure of sanity comes into your head!" Whereupon, the mighty Nebuchadnezzar, monarch of monarchs, tyrant of tyrants, trotted obediently out into the fields and "did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair was grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws" (Dan. 4:33).

Then, after seven years of growing hair and claws and chewing grass, God lifted Nebuchadnezzar up on his feet. He was very happy to be able to return to his palace, whereupon he issued the proclamation:

"And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation; and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? . . . Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and *those that walk in pride he is able to abase*" (Dan. 4:34, 35, 37).

That is one of the oldest and most extraordinary State Papers ever issued. It is one of the noblest confessions ever uttered. It is a description of the sovereignty of the God of Israel that stands unexcelled. We commend it to dictators today!

Apparently, a certain well-known twentieth-century dictator is quite familiar with the experience of the great Babylonian

dictator and would-be god. He likes not the story. It was reported by the London *Times* (Sept. 3, 1933) that German Jews have been made to bite the grass from off the ground. May there be a haunting fear lurking in the breast of the beast of Berlin?

Anyhow, the experience of the famous Babylonian dictator would indicate that a diet of greens is a very good diet for godless dictators. We know of at least three or four such dictators who are even now tramping around impatiently in the waiting room. *Next?*

The world of men is more or less terrified as it contemplates the coming of "the four horsemen" of apocalyptic vision. Considering the frequency with which the four horsemen appear in the world's secular literature, to say nothing of its religious literature, causes one to surmise that a strong awareness of the near approach of the horsemen possesses the breasts of even the unregenerate. There is one comfort revealed in the record of that vision: *Not a single horse moved from its stall until the voice of "one of the four living creatures" (Rev. 6:1) from "before the throne" (Rev. 4:6) of God, said: "COME"!* Then be still, my heart! No force that Hell is able to muster can move, until Heaven commands—"Come"! Then, when they move, they move *only* within His will—directive or permissive—and all is well!

How often do we hear some faint-hearted soul cry out: "Why does God permit men like Hitler and Stalin to run rampant over the earth?" We cannot explain all the mysteries of God's ways. "His ways [are] past tracing out" (Rom. 11:33)! But we must not forget that it is written: "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee" (Psa. 76:10). God has often commandeered unregenerate rulers to do His bidding. It was written: "Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Jehovah, and I will send unto Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, *my servant*, and will bring them against this land" (Jer. 25:9). Nebuchadnezzar became God's rod to punish an apostate land. Then, when the "rod" had served its purpose, God dashed into pieces the "rod" itself! (See Jer. 25:12.) Nebuchadnezzar was driven out into the fields to

pass through his strange experience "to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17 A.V.).

A world surrendered by God into the hands of "the basest of men" is a world surrendered only because it is ripened for judgment. And Gog will come forth from his northern den only when God commands, and then with a hook in his jaws, and for the purpose of divine judgment. Yes, with hooks in his foamy old jaws will he come forth, and with hooks in his jaws will he be turned back again!

XIII

GOG'S HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Gog is a "commander" who will be able to boast of "a mighty army . . . riding upon horses" (Ezek. 38:15)—"a great company" of "horses and horsemen" (38:4). Daniel informs us that it is not "the king of the south" or any other king, save "the king of the north," who, in the time of the end, "shall enter . . . into the glorious land" (i.e., invade Palestine) "with horsemen." (See Dan. 11:40, 41.)

Probably the only place in the world where such an army as the prophet describes could live and develop would be on the broad belt of the grassy steppes which extend from the Carpathians eastward through southern Russia, western Siberia, and the valleys of northern Mongolia. This comprises a very considerable portion of the Europasian Continent. On these vast grassy steppes Russia is breeding and developing a peculiar type of horse, called the Kirghiz horse, named after the Turkic hordes dwelling between the Volga and Irtisch rivers. These horses are of untiring endurance, able to resist the sub-zero winters of Russia. It is said to be the only breed

of horses in the world that can do the maximum of work while existing on such dry and scanty food, since it can dig with its hoofs under the snow. Thus it is independent of corn and other grain. Thanks to the rare qualities of these horses of the steppes, the fierce Muscovite invaders have more than once run riot over Europasia, overthrowing empires and founding dynasties.

Nor is the Soviet Union depending alone on its great steppes to provide it with the horses it demands for the battle. The latest statistics available set forth that in 1934 Russia owned seventy per cent of the horses of the whole world.

Milton B. Lindberg, in his book, *Gog All Agog* (1939 Edition), declares that at the close of a public meeting in which the speaker stated that seventy per cent of the horses of the world belonged to Russia a man came forward and said:

"I know that your statement about Russia's horses is correct. I am a buyer of horses. At every important horse sale in this country the representatives of the Soviet Government are present. They buy light and fast horses, which, they declare, are to pull the plows of Russia, but they are buying the wrong kind of horse for agricultural purposes."

The author further states that on another occasion, when making his claim that a vast preponderance of the world's horseflesh is owned by Russia, a missionary in his audience interrupted to comment:

"I was a missionary in South America. While staying at a hotel in Uruguay, I made the acquaintance of a fellow guest who was a Russian. When I asked what he was doing in South America, he replied that he was buying horses for the Soviet Government. 'What kind of horses are you buying—heavy horses for agricultural work?' I queried. 'No,' was the frank reply, 'I am buying light and fast horses for military purposes.' 'But is it not strange, in these days of increasing mechanization of war equipment, that you should be buying horses for military purposes?' I questioned. 'It would seem so to me also,' the man replied, 'but evidently my superiors think otherwise. They have told me what kind of horse to buy, and I must obey orders.'"

Cavalry is symptomatic of the Russian nation. Nearly twenty years ago, on June 6, 1923, the London *Times* said: "The Reds are devoting much attention to cavalry, convinced that cavalry will play a great rôle in the next war. The cavalry is the most efficient part of the Red Army, and is supposed to be ready for action within twenty-four hours after mobilization." Press dispatches continually relate the important part that "horsemen" are playing in the Russian victories over the Germans. Here is a sample:

"The capture of Bardenkovo, thirty miles to the east, was essentially a *victory of hard-riding Cossacks*. After forced marches, the Russians seized a height commanding Bardenkovo. One Russian cavalry unit cut off the town from the northwest and another took up a position to the southwest. . . . Cavalry and infantry broke into the town and after a flurry of street fighting the Germans fled along the road to the west."

We recall that when the mechanized forces of Germany "blitzed" into Poland they were met half-way by a mounted Russian Army. A news columnist on the scene described the Russian host as presenting a barbaric, Asiatic appearance, a great host, still clinging to a lot of outmoded machinery of war. Although it possesses the instruments of mechanized warfare, yet the Russian army is the only army in the world which still places great dependence on horseflesh—an army to whom hay is as necessary as gasoline.

I have been thinking, even as I write, of the fact that a civilian whose tires "are gone" has no assurance that he can "for love or for money" secure a new set for his car—I have been thinking how vast armies are surging through the greatest rubber plantations of the earth, leaving nothing but desolation behind—I have been thinking of what sad fate may befall the vast armies that today, on land and in air, are forced to fight only *on rubber*.

Also, I have been thinking, as the press dispatches are coming in hour after hour telling how the warring nations are struggling desperately to secure oil and gasoline, without which their vaunted mechanized battalions are too utterly impotent

to move; and I have been thinking as these same dispatches tell of the destruction of vast fields of oil—the very latest being the vast oil fields in Malay, Sumatra, Java, and Burma—yes, I have been thinking that the hour may be fast approaching when Russia's hordes, "riding on horses," will have shown that Gog possesses unusual foresight. The mechanized battalions of some shortsighted nations may yet be compelled to sit stalled by the side of the road with blown-out tires, empty gas tanks, oilless crankcases, and grounded planes, watching the legions of their long-sighted enemies, "riding on horses," sweep around them on to victory. Perhaps the prophecies of the old-fashioned Bible have not yet been made impossible of literal fulfillment by the advancement of our scientific age. Perhaps a Modernistic and unregenerate world will yet learn that "For ever, O Jehovah, thy word is settled in heaven" (Psa. 119:89).

As a note of interest, I might state here that, according to the *Magazine Digest* (Sept., 1941), a shortage of gasoline has already brought horses into great demand in Europe. The present demand for cavalry chargers and heavy artillery draft horses is said to be enormous and unparalleled. Russia got over 2,000,000 horses to add to the vast array of horses already in her army camps at the time she overran Poland. Perhaps the dictators, now so short of necessary supplies of rubber, oil, and gasoline, might have read Ezekiel's prophecy with profit!

Maurice Hindus, in his new (1941) book, *Hitler Cannot Conquer Russia*, gives one whole chapter to the "Cossacks." He speaks of the disappearance from the scenes in Russia, in 1918, of the once mighty Cossack armies that had contributed through the years to Russia's greatness. He presumed their ancient splendor had faded to return no more to our machine-driven world. To use his own words: "I had long ago concluded that never again, except on the stage, would this [Cossack] uniform grace the appearance of any man in Russia."

But, now a sudden change has taken place. The Cossack has come back. Mr. Hindus continues:

"Black sheepskin cap with purple top, flowing black cloak

with purple shirt front, purple hood gleaming in the sun like a sheaf of fire, and at the belt a sword and a dagger: the uniform of a Cossack in all its ancient splendor as in the days of the Czar. An astounding sight!"

And, then, he writes on another page (Pg. 170):

"What can Hitler or Nazism offer the Cossacks? They are Russians and Slavs. They live on the richest lands in the country. They have the best and proportionately most agricultural machinery. They have gotten back the uniform, the horse, the saber, the dagger. They have been restored to a place of honor in Soviet society. . . . If Hitler occupies Russia, he can bring to the Cossacks only dispossession and degradation. He will never make Germans out of them and he will never tame them."

The Cossack—terror of Russia's enemies for years upon years until "The decree of June 1, 1918, levelled the Cossack community!" But the Cossack suddenly returns in vast array to the scene again—"the horse, the saber, and the dagger." How out of place in this day of machine guns, tanks, and bombs! Why the Cossack's sudden reappearance? There is just one explanation. It is written: "O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, I will turn thee about . . . and I will bring thee forth, and *all thine army, horses and horsemen . . . all of them handling swords*!" God's Word simply "cannot be broken," even by man's gigantic building of weapons to fight his wars otherwise.

Yes, "the horse, the saber, and the dagger" comes back! And, incidentally, even if there should be no lack of rubber, oil, and gasoline, "the horse, the saber, and the dagger" is the equipment that will move most successfully over the terrain lying between the land of Gog and the land of God—a terrain that would prove to be infinitely more difficult of speed for the gas-driven implements of war than for the grass-driven steeds of war. "Caucasus"—that is, "Gog's Fort"—is not easy for a vast army to pass by. During the World War No. I both Russian and Turk spoke of, and knew only too well the meaning of, the "*Caucasus Front*." The *Encyclopædia Britannica*

informs us that "the area as a whole is bleak, sparsely populated and almost undeveloped. The poverty of the communications and the severity of the climate render military operations on a large scale difficult and arduous. . . . Few commanders would welcome a campaign in such extreme conditions of climate and difficulties of movement and supply."

But the Cossack and his Siberian pony are inured to the cold. Moreover, his pony knows how to paw its supply of food from underneath the snow and ice. Be it as it may be, God's Word concerning Gog will stand; and through those rugged mountains, and down past the rugged terrain where grow the cedars of Lebanon, a vast multitude of the purple-topped riders of Gog, singing their ribald songs, screaming their hideous battle cries, will surge, swinging their swords and plunging their daggers—on and on—to their predicted doom upon the rotted, foreign-fed, bonepiles in Judah's land!

XIV

GOG'S PREPARATION FOR WAR

"Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee" (38:7).

Apart from the Jew, there is probably no sign more significant of the fact that the Gentiles are nearing the sunset than is the armament of the nations foretold by Joel. Joel beheld the last muster of man's power and glory, when Armageddon shall bring to a full end "the times of the Gentiles."

"For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment upon them there. . . .

"Proclaim ye this among the nations; prepare war; stir

up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Haste ye, and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together" (Joel 3:1, 2, 9-11).

If this prophecy is not *now* being fulfilled to the last "jot and tittle," then I am ready to say that there is no such thing as "the fulfillment of prophecy." It's all an empty dream! Let us forget about it! *But* the prophecies of God are not empty dreams! We can safely challenge the unbelieving world to produce even *one* prophecy which *should have been fulfilled ere the year 1942*, which has not met with complete accomplishment. Many prophecies in this very hour are in process of culmination. Swift was right: "There is none so blind as they that won't see."

According to Joel, the sunset of the Gentiles is to be heralded by the world-wide proclamation: "PREPARE WAR!" If this proclamation is not reverberating throughout all the earth today, then will not someone pinch the writer and awake him from an exceedingly unpleasant delirium? If I am dreaming, be merciful unto me! DON'T "LET ME DREAM ON!"

For a good many years now, our modernistic, socialistically inclined pulpитеers have been preaching:

"We men of earth here have the stuff
Of Paradise—we have enough!
We need no other thing to build
The stairs into the Unfulfilled—
No other ivory for the doors—
No other marble for the floors—
No other cedar for the beam
And dome of man's immortal dream.

"Here on the paths of every day—
Here on the common human way
Is all the stuff the gods would take
To build a Heaven, to mold and make
New Edens. Ours the stuff sublime
To build Eternity in time!"

If this oft-quoted ebullience of wishful thinking were not so unspeakably sad we might all now join in a hearty laugh. Hitler's blitzkriegs have sent most of these self-deceived prophets of "smooth things" (Isa. 30:10) into hiding. But some of them have been at it so long, and knowing no other "gospel," they continue to chirp the same old song.

All over the world, men living in our age of boasted culture and advancement have been prone to quote this Scripture, to the exclusion of some others: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4). Seldom does it enter into their heads that such a happy condition cannot exist in this world of unregenerate men without the presence of the Ruler of wind and wave to command peace.

"*He* shall speak peace unto the nations" (Zech. 9:10)! Vain indeed is the search for any enduring peace among nations that ignore Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Apart from Him, man possesses not the "stuff" with which to build his Utopian dreams into the world of realities.

A world that recognizes neither God nor His Word, but is given to thinking above that which is written, knows not that it is written in "the Scriptures [that] cannot be broken" that *before* the day arrives when nations shall beat their "swords into plowshares" they shall beat their "plowshares into swords" and their "pruning-hooks into spears." "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears" (Joel 3:10)—*that* is a prophecy of Armageddon. "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks" (Isa. 2:4)—*that* is a prophecy of the millennial reign of Christ.

Now, the "plowshare" is a symbol of all such instruments as work for the creation of those things that bring happiness and contentment for all mankind. The "plowshare" *creates*. The "sword" is the symbol of all instruments the use of which brings suffering and misery for all mankind. The "sword" *destroys*.

Only monumental ignorance as to that which the revelation of God has to say on the subject of world armament can blind any man to the tremendous significance of the holocaust in

which the nations find themselves today. The stupendous armament program of the whole world is a crystalline clear sign that the judgment of the nations is at hand. Our own America has been forced to join the international armament parade. We, too, are feverishly, yea, frantically, beating our "plowshares into swords."

A friend showed me a picture, taken in the midwest, of car-loads of actual plowshares and other agricultural implements closely related to the plowshares, all bound for the munition plants, there to be made into "swords." The automobile has become an almost indispensable instrument in our American way of life. Today, in the early part of the year, 1942, no civilian can purchase one at any factory in the land. Indeed, he may count himself fortunate if he can purchase a tire for the old one. The automobile has been "beaten" into a Juggernaut to roll over and crush the life out of men.

Materials out of which to build happy homes and churches are almost unobtainable—needed for "defense," we are told. Washington informs us that the bicycle is to go the way of the automobile. Let us hope that "defense" will let us keep leather soles to cover the bottoms of our feet! Pots, pans, kettles, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, typewriters, rubber hose, nozzles, tin-plated bottle caps, zippers, razor blades, yes, even the tin foil enclosing our shaving creams, ointments, etc., etc., etc., etc.,—all are being taken from their peaceful usages and sent forth on the mission of destruction and death.

Less than five years ago the world's greatest economists were warning the United States that to go beyond the debt limit of forty-five billion dollars would mean utter bankruptcy. Later on, Congress raised that limit to sixty-five billions. Now it is one hundred twenty-five billions and recent word from Washington is that the year 1943 will probably see a debt of two hundred billion dollars loaded upon the people of the United States, all but a few coppers of which will have gone into the maw of the god of war. Never have the fallen sons of Adam seen anything comparable to it. The other nations of the world are engaged in the same gigantic race.

Turn again to Joel's prophecy. Read it slowly, carefully, and

prayerfully. In all seriousness, are these the inspired words of the living God? Was Joel a part of the Scripture that Jesus said "cannot be broken" (John 10:35)? If the prophecy of Joel is not being fulfilled today, then, pray tell, what conditions will be necessary for its fulfillment?

And if the prophecy *is* being fulfilled, then just as sure as the stars shine in the heavens and run in their courses, the day is at hand when the nations will gather "into the valley of Jehoshaphat" and a just God will arise in His wrath and "execute judgment upon them there"! The nations have gone goose-stepping toward Armageddon ever since 1914. It would seem that it is about time for their arrival on that fateful spot.

In this business of preparing for war three nations have headed the parade. Their tremendous preparations have compelled other nations, whether they would or not, to begin the beating of plowshares into swords. One of these nations is Germany, another is Japan, the third is Russia. All three of these nations have been bustling with preparation for war and now stand bristling with those instruments ready to play their part in the final acts of the great Gentile tragedy. Verily, Gog has responded to the challenge of Omnipotence: "Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee."

In *Barron's* magazine, January 5, 1942, appears an article on the subject, *Stalin's Ural Stronghold*, by John Scott. John Scott is a young man educated in the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated in 1931. He went to Russia in 1932, became a welder in the Magnitogorsk plant, and later was rated an engineer. He wived a Russian girl. In June, 1941, he was expelled from Russia for making some remarks the Soviet regime did not like. With the assistance of the American ambassador, he managed to escape the bloody den of the old Bear and return to the United States. John Scott ought to know whereof he speaks. Moreover, the article in *Barron's* receives the unqualified endorsement of Alexandre Barmine, a former brigadier general of the Red Army. Barmine was the chief of the Soviet machinery importing mission in Paris, 1930-1933. He became the head of the armament export syndicate, 1933-

1935. He fled from his post in 1936 to escape Stalin's purge. He, too, ought to know whether John Scott tells us the truth. I quote, by permission, from John Scott's article:

"Among the best-guarded secrets of a secretive nation has been the industrial strength Russia has created in the Ural region, eight hundred miles east of the battle lines . . . created in the past fifteen years for just this emergency. The press has talked of this Ural development almost as if it were wishful rumor. It is not. I spent five years working in one of the largest plants there and visited many others. It is one of the great industrial regions of the world. Its creation was an almost incredible feat; two hundred industrial plants, many staggering in size, were constructed between 1930 and 1940. . . .

"The Ural region, roughly five hundred miles square and almost in the center of the largest country in the world, has iron, coal, copper, bauxite, lead, manganese, potash, magnesium, zinc, petroleum, rich forests, and hundreds of thousands of acres of arable land. Until 1930 these fabulous riches were undeveloped, and ninety per cent of Russia's industrial output came from centers near the European frontier.

"The planners of the regime knew this was dangerous and resolved to build an industrial empire beyond reach of enemies. Stalin pushed the program through—brutally—but he did it. What it cost may be told in two ways: statistically and in terms of blood, sweat, and starvation. Statistically, Russia put fifty-six per cent of the national income into industrialization, to take the single year 1932 as an example. . . .

"In 1929, Magnitogorsk did not exist. On its site was a village of seminomadic herders. From the foot of a high mountain range the barren steppes rolled away to the horizon. The mountains are solid iron ore—hence the name Magnetic Mountain. . . .

"Soviet engineers planned to unite this incredible iron deposit with the equally inexhaustible coal fields of Kuzbas, two thousand miles away. It would be the largest coal-iron combination in the world. It would be out of reach of an enemy. The costs would be enormous but it seemed worth it. Construction began in 1929. . . . At extortionate cost, industrial equipment was brought in from Europe and America. The great furnaces began to rise. . . .

"When I arrived in 1932, Magnitogorsk was a swarming city

of 250,000. . . . Today it is one of the largest steel plants in the world, producing over six thousand tons of steel a day, and processing much of it into structural shapes. . . . Instead of bringing coal all the way from Kuzbas, eighty-five per cent of it now comes from newly developed mines at Karaganda, only six hundred miles away. . . .

"During my five years in the Urals I was able to visit other plants almost as impressive as Magnitogorsk. I saw the great caterpillar tractor plant in Chelyabinsk, equipped with the best German, English, and American machines. . . . A few miles away is another immense 'aggregate,' Stankostroy, ostensibly a machine-tool manufacturing plant. Actually both are tank factories.

"Twice I visited the enormous machine works at Sverdlovsk, formerly Ekaterinburg. Machine Shop No. 2, a quarter of a mile long, was filled with the finest lathes and planers that America produced. At first, the plant made rolling-mill machinery and some artillery. Later it turned to making submarines, which were shipped to the Pacific, the Baltic, and the Black Sea. Sverdlovsk had also a large electrical equipment plant, a number of small munitions factories, and extensive railroad shops.

"This only begins the inventory of the Ural industries. At Usolye an old salt mine now supplies raw materials for the manufacture of various chemical products. Nearby is Berez-niki, an enormous center for the production of fertilizers and explosives. Just north are the rich potash deposits of Solikamsk, turning out two million tons a year of this war essential, and as a by-product extracting magnesium for airplane engines and incendiary bombs.

"High-grade steels are made at Chusovaya. East of that is Krasnouralsk, with its copper smelters. Zinc is produced at Chelyabinsk; Alapaevsk has unlimited asbestos and a plant for processing it; some nickel is produced at Kahlilovo and Ufaiei. Kaminsk has some bauxite and reduces it to aluminum—though most of Russia's aluminum has been supplied from the invaded areas.

"In the Urals also is a new oil field, believed to be the largest in the world. . . . American engineers who built it told me they thought it would produce nearly its rated 500,000 tons of aviation gasoline the first year of operation. At Saratov on the

Volga is another aviation gasoline refinery, supposedly completed in 1941, but its capacity is not known.

"Ufa also has one of the largest Diesel motor plants in the Soviet Union. . . . The Urals now have seven power plants rated at four billion kilowatts, all linked in a network, so that if one shuts down the others will take over.

"As to railroads, much has been done. Thanks to three new trunk lines, freight moves in this region at a speed well above the average for Russia.

"In the vital matter of airplane production, Russia has suffered but there is more left than outside observers guess. At Perm is one of the largest airplane-engine factories; it is a thousand miles from the front. No foreigner has been allowed in the district for years, and workers there are discouraged from traveling—they might talk. There are airplane plants at Voronezh, Gorki, Kazan, Tomsk, Irkutsk, Khabarovsk and Komsomolsk—from two hundred to three thousand miles east of the fighting lines. . . .

"I know of twenty Russian aviation factories. But I feel sure there are many more large factories deep in Siberia of which no hint has been allowed to escape. I came out by the Trans-Siberian railroad; at various points I saw great new factories surrounded by industrial towns. What they are, nobody would say.

"Russia, it is true, has suffered serious loss of industrial capacity in the west, but the eastern industries are stronger than the outside world knew. She can still fight a mechanized war."

(If the rest of the world is ignorant of the existence of Russia's great hidden arsenals, Germany should be aware of them by this time. Aye, and she is! The very latest press dispatches inform us that the Nazis are groaning with astonishment at the enormous size and power of the tanks that Marshal Semeyon Timoshenko is sending thundering into battle around Kharkov.)

And, at this point, we might add that if all this is not sufficient to enable the old Moscow grizzly to carry out his plan to communize the world—by propaganda, by deceit, or by *force*—our dear old "Uncle Samuel" seems ready to open up his own arsenals and give the dear old Bear whatsoever things

more he may need! And, doubtless, our "Uncle Samuel" is doing exactly what he should do *in the present* stress,—feed well the old Bear so long as he is engaged in the business of tearing the feathers out of a certain great Black Eagle. But when once that job is done to the supreme satisfaction of liberty loving peoples the world around, then it will be well for liberty loving peoples to call a halt to their generosity, and build high and strong their bear-proof fences. If the past furnishes us with any criterion by which we can judge and go, then we may expect that old Bear, as soon as he gets his breath once more, to maraud forth into other folks' dooryards.

Our rulers may scorn to turn to the Word of God in these perilous times for guidance, but when they turn from it, they turn from the greatest fountain of wisdom this world has ever known. If they heed not the warning of the old prophet of God as to the true nature of Gog, it is my conviction that the lovers of freedom everywhere will rue the day that their governors foolishly sought unto man instead of unto God for direction in the present chaos and darkness.

Verily, the prophecy concerning Gog is being, and will be, fulfilled to the letter: "Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee"! And, what is true of Gog is true also of Gog's allies. All the world knows only too well how "Gomer" (Germany) has "prepared" for the last ten years! The most tremendous military machine the world has ever seen—Germany! The world will realize, a bit late, that the Gog and all his allied hosts will be no mean enemy that must be conquered and completely destroyed before the "Sun of Righteousness [can] arise with healing in his wings," and before the children of God can "go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall" (Mal. 4:2 A.V.).

Gog Puts War-Mindedness Back of War's Machinery. Gog and his allies are not only beating their "plowshares into swords" and their "pruning-hooks into spears," but they are educating their children to be men of war and not men of peace. They are instilling into their minds and hearts the spirit of the savage rather than the spirit of the civilized man. Gog and his allies propose to train their youth to believe that might makes

right and to worship at the shrine of the god of force as being their only god. The earthen gods of Berlin and of Moscow are working overtime these days to make the youth, of whose souls they have taken possession, war-minded in the *nth* degree.

"*Education for Death*," says Lord Halifax, "shows how unbridgeable is the gulf between the Nazis and ourselves. Here you can see exposed in all its cruelty and horror the system of perversion with which, since their advent to power, the Nazis have deliberately degraded the minds and morals of the rising generation in Germany. It is when we contemplate what Hitler has done to the young that we realize more than in any other way what a foul and vile thing Nazism is."

Gregor Ziemer, who for ten years was president of the American Colony School in Berlin, declares in his book, *Education for Death*:

"Hitler's educational system is an ever greater menace than his army or his *Luftwaffe*. If and when his present fighting force is beaten, then behind the military array we will see a younger army, even more fanatic than the soldiery. This army, too, must be vanquished before Hitlerism is destroyed."

Small boys not yet in their teens are taught to repeat after their leader: "I consecrate my life to Hitler; I am ready to sacrifice my life to Hitler; I am ready to die for Hitler; the savior, the Fuehrer." The boys of Germany are taught that it is their business to die as soldiers, and girls are taught that their business is to breed more soldiers.

What is true under the Nazi regime of Germany is true also under the Communist regime of Russia. Indeed, since Russia preceded Germany by about ten years in this nefarious business, it is likely that Germany received her inspiration from Russia. Both are fulfilling Joel's prophecy: "*Let the weak say, I am strong*" (Joel 3:10). Mr. Ziemer says that he has often heard little boys in the schools of Germany sing:

"The world belongs to leaders,
They alone command the world.
And we are marching, marching;
No one can stop our flag unfurled."

Then over on the Moscow side of the battlefield, in the schoolrooms, the children reply by singing "The March of the Pioneers":

"We smash the windows,
We smear the doors with tar,
We bark along the open road,
Free of the leash! . . .
We shall pay a visit to the Bourgeois,
We shall break their bones,—
Pouf, and that's that!"

Unless these youthful braggarts are saved before they come to years of maturity, let us hope that they shall break each other's bones, and not the bones of our American boys or girls, who still have some fear of God left in their hearts. "*Pouf, and that's that!*"

XV

ISRAEL'S LAND THE LOADSTONE OF THE NATIONS

Once again let us return to the prophecy:

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device: and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth" (Ezek. 38:10-12).

It is at once apparent that the material resources of the land

of Israel will be the magnet that will draw Gog and his allies into Palestine "to take the spoil."

Some years ago, an ultra-modernistic cleric who had just returned from the Holy Land, in a conversation with the writer, sneered very politely at the simple faith of some of us in believing that Israel shall again become a mighty nation, with Jerusalem as its center. He lifted his eyebrows very superciliously, and informed the writer that he had just completed a journey "from Dan to Beersheba," and from the Mediterranean to the wilderness beyond the Jordan, and that he "did not see enough provender growing to keep an Arkansas razorback from starving to death"! He did relent enough under pressure to admit that his statement might be "a bit hyperbolic"! There were a lot of his sort running around the country scoffing at "the literalists" in those days previous to 1914. There are not so many now. *Something has taken place since then!*

Palestine, as the world knows it today, is a little strip of land about 140 miles long and about 23 miles wide in the north and 80 miles wide in the south, comprising an area of about 10,000 square miles. Being only slightly larger than little Wales, it seems like anything but a land that would ever become the home of a people who some day will stand as the foremost nation on the face of all the earth. We can readily understand how the man who does not reckon with God can scoff at that idea, even *now*, after the marvelous changes that have taken place since the World War, No. I. It should be remembered, however, that this little strip of land, as no other strip of equal size, has made its tremendous impress upon the history of mankind during more than three thousand years of time.

Moreover, it must also be remembered that the land which God covenanted unto Abraham was much more extensive than that which is commonly known as "The Holy Land." It is written:

"In that day Jehovah made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

Therefore, when the kingdom is restored to Israel the western boundary of that kingdom will be the River Nile, and the eastern boundary the River Euphrates. And who knows this land today and is not struck with the amazing development and amazing riches that have suddenly come to it, yes, and the amazing possibilities that lie ahead?

God Himself described Palestine to Moses before ever the children of Israel marched out of Egypt to possess it. And what a description!

“For Jehovah thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig copper. And thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt bless Jehovah thy God for the good land which he hath given thee” (Deut. 8:7-10).

Time and time again, Palestine is described in the Scriptures of old as “a land that floweth with milk and honey” (Num. 14:8; 16:13, 14; Deut. 11:9; 26:9, 15; 27:3, etc. etc.) The only years when that fruitful land lay desolate were the years when it was under the curse of God. Everything happened exactly as God said it would happen:

“If ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; then I will walk contrary unto you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins. . . . And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies that dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And you will I scatter among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

“Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in your enemies’ land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths” (Lev. 26:27, 28, 32-34).

When once the God of Israel fully lifts the curse off that

land and restores it to its ancient fertility, and Israel returns home a converted people, then shall another prophecy of Ezekiel be fulfilled:

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified and inhabited. Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I, Jehovah, have builded the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and I will do it" (Ezek. 36:33-36).

One of the clear indications that the day is swiftly approaching when "the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions" (Obad. 17), and the land shall flow as of old with "milk and honey," is seen in the present renaissance of Palestine. Apparently we are on the eve of the day when God will speak consolation to that land:

"Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah; for Jehovah delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married" (Isa. 62:4).

Verily, the prophet foresaw the glorious wedding day of Israel!

We have heard it said that no one gained anything from World War No. I. That is an error. The *Jew* gained, and the *land* gained!

On December 10, 1917, General Allenby, leading a force of British, French, and Italian troops, marched to the gates of Jerusalem. Without firing a shot, the Turk took to his heels and never stopped running until he got home. Only the close student of the prophetic Word really knows what happened on that day.

What did the Moslem leave behind him on that day? Little did he know! With the permission of Mr. P. N. Sigler, author of that splendid book, *God Speaks—Again—In Palestine*, we quote therefrom:

"This great body of super-saline water, surcharged with its mineral salts in suspension, glistened under the piercing rays of the sun in the days of King Solomon as it does today, but that mighty monarch, with all his wisdom, knew nothing of its value. How like the benevolent character of God that He should reveal the vast resources of the Dead Sea at this time when a doubting world is saying the land cannot support the returning thousands of Jews who are seeking the 'Homeland.'

"Second only in importance to the wealth of the Dead Sea is the unlimited supply of oil from Iraq, Arabia, brought to Palestine through hundreds of miles of pipelines laid across the desert, a contribution to the needs and prosperity of the land of the greatest significance.

"Aided by scientific engineering skill, the natural conditions of the Jordan valley below the Sea of Galilee have lent themselves to the building of vast hydraulic electric plants where now there is produced current for light and power serving the needs of fully half of all Palestine at nominal rates within the reach of the humblest citizen.

"And there has been a re-discovery of the richness of very much of the soil of Palestine. Aided by the potash and sulphates from the Dead Sea, combined in a most acceptable form for agricultural needs, the productivity of the land has greatly increased and is constantly increasing. The newly discovered water resources and the drainage of sections of marsh lands, heretofore the hiding places of dangerous malarial conditions, are doing wonders in the development of intensive fruit culture in particular. Then, too, dairy and poultry farming have been marvelously stimulated and encouraged by government aid and the introduction of the best strains of animals and poultry, with modern buildings, machinery and methods. The markets have also been regulated by well planned and managed co-operative organizations so that fair prices for labor and products are assured. . . .

"Denuded of its trees by winds and wars, Palestine has been almost barren of wooded sections. More than a million olive trees have now been planted, while orange groves have increased

from three thousand to almost fifty thousand acres. Other types of fruit and forest trees have also been planted in large numbers and are being continually set out. The climate of the land is largely tropical and the dews from the Mediterranean Sea provide the touch of nature to bring to perfection the thousands of acres of fruit on the coastal plain along the shore of the Great Sea.

"The beauty and utility of the Sea of Galilee, with the perennial hot baths of Tiberias near by, add another wonderful asset to Palestine.

"With all of these temporal values must be included the many so-called intangible values of the sacred places, with their hallowed associations and memories of those other days of the long ago, so dear to both the Christian and Jew, bringing the worth and wealth of Palestine to that point where the claim can be substantiated easily that it is the *'Richest Land in the World Today.'*"

Dr. Clark, many years ago, tried to disabuse the mind of the world by telling it that the soil of Palestine needed only water and cultivation to make it one of the most fertile, if not *the* most fertile, areas on the face of the earth. The land is so rich that Mr. Malte Brun asserted that near Bethlehem ripe peaches have been plucked from a tree grown from a seed planted in the previous year. As many as five crops have been harvested off the same ground in a single year.

Fabulous, as to be almost unbelievable, is the value of the mineral salt in and about the Dead Sea, as that value is estimated by chemists, who are in a position to know. No sooner was Jerusalem captured by General Allenby than a brilliant geologist began to investigate the riches of the Dead Sea. A detailed report of the various minerals and the extent and the value of them is now in the hands of the British Government and available to any person who cares to know. We are informed that the sea contains from twelve hundred billion to thirteen hundred billion dollars' worth of recoverable salt. Verily, even in that long ago, it was well named: "The Salt Sea" (Gen. 14:3). We are told that there is two hundred and sixty million dollars' worth of bromine, so useful for medical purposes; of potash there is seventy billion dollars' worth; and

of magnesium chloride eight hundred twenty-five billion dollars' worth, and vast values in other minerals. We are told that the wealth that lies embosomed in the earth at that point is worth more than all the known gold that has been dug from the bowels of all the earth since the world began. What these minerals may mean to mankind, especially in that prophetic day when, we are told, the deserts shall blossom as a rose, is indicated in the fact that they are already making the gardens in the neighborhood of the sea itself productive almost beyond the wildest dreams of men.

In a recent editorial in the *Los Angeles Times* we were assured that "gardens of workers on the banks [of the Dead Sea] grow beans two feet long and radishes as big as a policeman's shillalah—and oranges that weigh a pound." Little wonder that the most recent edition of the *Encyclopædia Britannica* assures us that "the future of this, the most interesting of all seas, will be watched with interest whilst modern enterprise takes a hesitating step towards the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophetic vision."

For centuries upon centuries it has been called the Dead Sea, yet it is just like our God to make life spring forth from the dead. From that desolation may come the fertilizer that will compel the deserts of the earth to fulfill the prophecy:

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of Jehovah, the excellency of our God" (Isa. 35:1, 2).

Truly, in more ways than one, life abundant bursts forth from old Judea.

Yes, the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy is on the way: "And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden!"

As I write, the nations of the earth are engaged in a war that many believe will bring to an end man's civilization and return

us to barbarism. I do not believe that we would have far to go! Usually, it is not necessary to do more than scratch through the skin of a civilized man in order to find a savage. Apparently, we are in only the early stages of the titanic struggle for the possession of the earth. Only six short months ago Japan decided to cast to the winds all the rules of honor and civilized warfare, and proceeded to bomb Pearl Harbor as her ambassador and special representative were still closeted with the heads of our Government in Washington *ostensibly* to seek peace—actually to put us off guard and strike a death blow before our nation could realize that there was to be no peace.

Of course, this could only mean war to the death between these two powers. A few months? We have not even begun to fight! Yet what is this we already hear? It is the cry for the very things that Abraham's land has to offer—the fertilizers that will produce foodstuffs as they have never grown before, and—*oil!* The richest oil pockets on the face of the earth lie embosomed in Abraham's land.

One of the greatest engineering feats in the world has brought the riches of these oil fields in Iraq to Haifi, making Haifi one of the most important harbors in the world. Ten thousand men worked upon this pipeline for four years, completing what some have called "the eighth wonder of the world." Through this pipeline from the wells of Kirkuk, for a distance of twelve hundred miles, annually flow four million tons of oil—*thirty million barrels!*

"The Navel of the Earth."

Then there is still another reason why Gog will covet the land of Abraham. Long before the fabulous wealth of the natural resources of the land was known to men, and while the land seemed only "a desolation in the sight of all that passed by," nations fought long and bloody wars to secure possession of it. *Why?*

The will of Peter the Great, who died in 1725 A.D., revealed the fact that this ambitious tyrant formed plans of conquest that Russia for more than two hundred years has sought to carry out. The scheme of Russia called for continual wars in

Europe. To set nation against nation for the destruction of each other until the hour should come when Russia could strike with unerring certainty of victory and gain the coveted pathways to the warm southern seas—such was the plan. It is still the plan. Now, possession of Palestine would be the longest step toward the realization of the dream of Peter the Great. But just *why* did, not only Russia, but all the nations, look with covetous eyes upon this little strip of rocky soil?

Ezekiel pronounces Palestine to be "the navel of the earth" (38:12, margin). "The navel of the earth"—that is a most expressive phrase. It reveals the reason why the nations, through the stretch of the centuries, have fought, bled, and even died, to secure possession of that little strip of the Mediterranean shore.

Webster tells us that the *navel* is "the central part or point of anything." Elsewhere it is recorded: "Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This is Jerusalem; I have set her *in the midst of the nations*" (Ezek. 5:5). Jehan de Mandeville ("Sir John Mandeville"), nearly six hundred years ago, in his famous book, *Travels*, wrote:

"The Holy Land, which men call the land of promise or behest, passing all other lands, is the most worthy land, most excellent, . . . the sovereign of all other lands, . . . *the heart and the middle of the world.*"

One of the Popes Urban, Mohammed, and many others have declared that, because of its geographical position, Jerusalem is "placed in the very center of the world." Kurtz says: "Viewed geographically, politically, or commercially, Palestine is the '*umbilicus terrarum*' of the ancient world" (*His. Old Cov.*, Vol. I, Pg. 147).

Palestine—that vital link that binds together the three mighty continents that carry on their bosoms the vast majority of mankind,—Asia, Europe, Africa! It marks the pathway over which the trade routes have run from the earliest story of our race. Palestine, lure of the traveller, beacon of the sage, magnet of the prince, envy of kings, lodestar of nations, shrine of worshipers, land of the promises, uplifter of Calvary, hope of

the future—Palestine, “the navel of the earth” until years shall be no more!

Far back in those mystic days, when the knowledge of “what lies beyond” was exceedingly limited, how did those captive prophets know that Jerusalem was “the navel of the earth”? The only answer is—*God!* That spot Jehovah chose as the place whereon His Son should sit enthroned in glory when “out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem” (Isa. 2:3); when “all the nations . . . shall go up from year to year to worship the King” (Zech. 14:16); and when, at last, instead of sorrow, suffering, and death, “the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isa. 35:10).

“Arise, O Sun!”

XVI

ISRAEL'S MOURNFUL SOJOURN IN KEDAR AND MESHECH

“The Glorious Land” (Dan. 11:41)! So God Himself has named it. And to Abraham and his “seed,” God gave it. But Israel possesses it not. The Gentile still has his heel pressed down upon Jerusalem. The Jews who are there are there only by Gentile tolerance. Thousands upon thousands of them have thronged the gates to that “glorious land,” only to come up against the mouths of Gentile cannon and to be turned back upon the unfriendly seas of the earth—no land to bid them welcome. A few were permitted to enter. But the great mass were denied entrance to their home—theirs by God-given right! In lands that are strange they wander. Upon seas that are cruel they mingle their sobs with the moaning of the winds. They wait, and, oh, how long they wait, for the day when a

faithful God will remember His promise: "*The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions*" (Obad. 17).

Meanwhile, we hear weeping and wailing on the air—sobbing, moaning, groaning, that seem never to cease!

"Woe is me that I sojourn in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!" (Psa. 120:5).

The Sojourner "In The Tents of Kedar."

"Woe is me that I dwell among the tents of Kedar! My soul hath long had her dwelling with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: But when I speak, they are for war" (Psa. 120:5, 6, 7). How significant and how true to fact are those words, as the centuries testify.

Kedar, we learn from *The International Standard Bible Encyclopædia* (Vol. III, Pg. 1790), is the country

"of the Ishmaelite tribes. Kedar must have been one of the most important, and thus in later times the name came to be applied to *all the wild tribes of the desert*. It is through Kedar (Arab. *keidar*) that Muslim genealogists trace the descent of Mohammed from Ishmael."

This authority further informs us that

"The name occurs as typical of a distant eastern country in opposition to the lands of the Mediterranean. . . . Evidence of their nomadic habits appears in Jer. 49: 28, 29, where they are classed among the *Bene-Kedhem*, and mention is made of their flocks, camels, tents, curtains and furniture. They are spoken of (Isa. 42:11) as dwelling in *hacerim* ('villages'), from which it would appear that they were a somewhat settled tribe, corresponding to the Arab."

Beyond all doubt, the prophecy refers to the sorrows that will be intensified upon Israel in the final hours of his trekking through the ages or as he nears the day when he shall return to the land to be moved no more (Amos 9:14, 15). Multiplied sorrows have come to the children of Jacob as through the centuries they have had to dwell as close neighbors, and even within the lands controlled by the savage and quarrelsome de-

scendants of Ishmael. Ishmael is the unfortunate child of whom "the angel of Jehovah" prophesied to his mother, Hagar:

"Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Ishmael. . . . And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him: and he shall dwell over against all his brethren" (Gen. 16:11, 12).

Verily, "woe is me, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!" The recent uprisings of the Arabs and the nomadic peoples associated with them have given emphasis to this prophecy. All the world knows that nothing but the sword of Britain has preserved the Jews in Palestine from being massacred and swept off the land during the recent outbreaks there.

The Sojourner "in Meshech."

Yes, there "in Meshech," Israel sojourns today. Seven million of them in 1914. But, today, after the horrible butcheries through which they have passed and the prisons they have endured, not more than about half that number remain. However, two-thirds of all the Jews in the world are to this day still herded in Central Europe, where Russia will probably be holding the whip hand when Gentile dominion shall reach its inglorious end.

A lot of Satanic propaganda has been spread over the face of the earth designed for the injury of the ancient people of our Lord, to the effect that Russian Bolshevism is of Jewish origin and support—that the Jews are its priests the world around. This propaganda has been back of most of the terrible persecutions that they have been passing through in recent years in lands outside Russia. Doubtless the venom of Hitler is due to this very propaganda. As a matter of sheer fact, no greater falsehood was ever perpetrated by the Devil than the falsehood with regard to the Jewish relation to Russian Bolshevism and world-wide Communism.

Communism everywhere is anti-God. The Jew is of the most God-conscious race in the world. The Communist is an internationalist. The Jew is intensely a nationalist. Assuredly there

are exceptions. Our Lord said, "A man's foes shall be they of his own household," and this has been partly true of the Jew in Russia and elsewhere in the world in our own times. Atheistic and renegade Jews, fathered by Karl Marx, have been and are, the most bitter antagonists of their own brethren in the flesh. But these can no longer be recognized as Jews. Moreover, the vast mass of Communists today are Gentiles, and are in no sense of Israel.

I realize that there is a large group of anti-Semites in the world, some of them calling themselves Christians, who will challenge my statements with regard to the Jew not being chiefly responsible for the Bolshevistic intrigues originating in Moscow and designed to conquer the world. In my defense I know of no more authentic testimony to be produced than that which would come to us from the most recent edition (14th, 1937) of the *Encyclopædia Britannica*—a source of information supposed to be always based upon the best obtainable facts. Because of the importance of this matter, I quote extensively:

"It was not until the March Revolution that their emancipation became a possibility. The Jews whole-heartedly supported the revolution, and one of the first acts of the Lvoff Government was to issue a decree, dated April 3, 1917, for the repeal of 'all restrictions of a religious and national character.' This decree at one stroke relieved the Jews of all disabilities. . . .

"The Jews had hardly been emancipated before these dreams were rudely shattered by the seizure of power by the Bolsheviks. Among the Bolshevik leaders and their satellites were a certain number of Jews, none of whom, however, played any part in the Jewish community, or had any ties with it beyond their Jewish birth. The great majority of the Jews sided with the moderates and suffered accordingly under the Soviet regime. . . .

"The Tsarist regime had subjected the Jews to a pitiless and systematic persecution. . . . There was no Jewish blood in Lenin himself, but both in Russia and in Hungary a prominent part in the Bolshevik movement was played by men who were of Jewish birth. In both countries the overwhelming majority of the Jews were anti-Bolshevik, not only on grounds of principle, but also because the bulk of them were traders and be-

longed to the very class which had most to lose from Bolshevik victory. Nevertheless, the enemies of the Jews branded them indiscriminately as Bolsheviks, and the alarm which the Bolshevik menace excited in Europe at the close of the War gave an impetus to reactionary forces which singled out the Jews as their targets" (*Encyclopædia Britannica*, Vol. 13, Pgs. 61, 62).

In a second article from this same reference work, I quote:

"Modern persecution of the Jew began in Russia, which, before the World War, was the home of one-half of the world's Jewish population. . . .

"One other instance, to show the atmosphere in which Russian Judaism had to live during the last years of the Romanoffs. In the same year, at the International Congress for the Suppression of the White Slave Traffic held in London, Hertz called the attention of the world to the infamy of the tsarist 'yellow ticket,' by which any Jewish woman, if she was willing to be registered as a prostitute, was permitted free and unrestricted residence throughout the empire; whereas all other Jews and Jewesses were confined to the 'Pale of Settlement.' That same territory was one of the fiercest battlegrounds of the World War. The Jewish cities were taken and retaken by the rival armies, with attendant bombardments, burnings and pillagings. Added to these were the summary expulsions and calculated inhumanities which the Russian military authorities perpetrated against the Jewish population. As a result, important communities were ruined, and their religious institutions, their rabbinical academies, together with every form of Jewish cultural activity, destroyed to their foundations. Of the surviving communities, hundreds were later annihilated during the massacres of the Jewish population in the Ukraine during the years 1919-21, massacres that for thoroughness and extent are surpassed by those in Armenia alone.

"The Russian revolution continued the break-up of Russian Jewry and its religious life. At first constitutional, the revolution brought full religious emancipation to all; but in the unique persecution of all religion that began soon after the Bolsheviks came into power, Judaism had to suffer most. Jewish communists have, from the first, taken a sinister delight in the proscription of all Jewish religious teaching. Synagogues were confiscated and converted into workmen's clubs (as late as Sept. 14, 1925), and even into stables.

"During 1925 the bitter fight against religion seemed to have relaxed somewhat, and Christian and Mohammedan bodies are now allowed to give religious instruction to small 'groups' of their children after school hours. *In the case of Jews, however*, two children have been declared to constitute a school, and [they were] subject to the dire penalties for teaching religion or Bible to children at school. Religious instruction is therefore given clandestinely, underground or in lofts and at midnight, as in the days of the Inquisition. In December, 1925, two teachers were sentenced at Kieff to six months' imprisonment with hard labour for this offence; and 200 children were imprisoned at Vinnitza, Podolia, for refusing to betray the name and whereabouts of their religious teachers. Zionists are pursued with a tsar-like ferocity as counter-revolutionaries and 'agents of British Imperialism,' hundreds of them having been banished to Siberia. The use of Hebrew is suppressed as a 'bourgeois' language.

"These persecutions called forth among the faithful remnant a new fervour and a deeper self-sacrifice for their faith; but Jewish institutional religion became paralyzed in Soviet Russia, and the religious outlook for the growing generation is dark indeed" (*Encyclopædia Britannica*, Vol. 13, Pgs. 62, 63).

Verily, the sad cry of the Psalmist thirty centuries ago is echoed and re-echoed throughout all Russia today. "Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech!"

If there is a lull in the flow of Jewish blood under the Russian knife at this moment, it is only a lull—no more. It is not because the heart of the bloody Bear has undergone any change. The lull itself may be the lull of death. Professor Kroll, of Paris, jurist and scholar, in December, 1930, told the Conference of the American Jewish Congress to deal with the Suppression of Judaism in Russia that "no pogrom dealt such destructive blows to the Jews of Russia as those inflicted by the Bolshevik revolution, though without rifle shots, sword blows, conflagration fires, or groans of slaughtered victims" (*X-Y-Z of Communism*, Pg. 268).

Yes, our Lord, in bitter experience, knew the meaning of the words: "A man's foes shall be they of his own household." After the Revolution, and until 1930, the Jewish branch of the

Communist Party, known as the Yevsekzia, apostates from real Judaism, led a particularly violent assault upon the orthodox Jews and all their religious institutions in Russia. They initiated such campaigns as the one to abolish kosher food. Foreign Jews, in 1929, planned to supply their unfortunate brethren in Russia with matzoth bread for the Passover feast. These apostate members of "The Party" immediately induced the government to raise the matzoth import tariff to prohibitive heights. *Emes*, the Party organ of the Jewish Committee denounced the use of matzoth as akin to counter-revolution, and demanded that the rabbis be severely punished if they sought to import it.

Although science has hailed circumcision as a medically sound and beneficial operation, the Jewish section of the Bolshevik camp assailed it as a barbarous custom. Those Jews who were members of "The Party" and who permitted the operation of circumcision in their families, were forthwith expelled from "The Party."

Dr. Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire, in the earlier days of Bolshevik rule, declared:

"New Jewish massacres, and on an unprecedented scale, are openly advocated and systematically planned. Russian Monarchists declare that, in the event of their regaining power, they will slaughter every Jewish man, woman, and child in that land. Western Jewry does not sufficiently realize the infinite danger that hovers over the four millions of our brethren in Russia" (London *Times*, Sept. 5, 1923).

Be not deceived. There has been no change of heart in favor of the Jewish faith or those who sponsor it, since Rabbi Hertz made that statement. Some well-meaning, but sadly mistaken Americans want us to believe that the whole Soviet program was conceived by the Jews, and has been, and is being, carried forward by the Jews. Josef Stalin was born a Georgian; and George Adams, in a copyrighted article in the *Daily Mirror*, declares he was born an anti-Semite, and gave himself away when, in 1939, he forced the resignation of Maxim Litvinov as foreign commissar—the last Jew to hold high office at that time in Soviet Russia.

Mr. Adams says that Litvinov is well aware of Stalin's hatred for the Jews. He says:

"In 1915, while lunching in Geneva with an American newspaperman, also a Jew, Litvinov suggested to the American that a certain colleague, another Jew, had better not visit Russia after writing critical dispatches on Soviet affairs from Geneva. 'Stalin doesn't like him,' Litvinov observed; 'in fact, *he doesn't like any of our people.*'"

However, when the Nazis invaded Russia about a year ago, the wily Stalin played an ace card in the world's great political game by calling Litvinov, the Jew, out of the obscurity into which he had previously thrust him, and sending him forth to play the most important rôle of his career—Ambassador to Washington!

It matters not, it seems, whether Monarchist or Communist wears the crown in Moscow, the pathway of the Jew in that vast territory is a pathway of danger, of sorrow, and of death. The present world stress has made the grizzly old Bear a bit more wary of British and American opinion. But if Soviet power again arrives, as it will, at the place where it can snap its jaws without regard to outside opinion, then the God-conscious Jew will once more know the meaning of the three-thousand-year-old cry: "Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech" (Psa. 120:5). In that day Israel in Meshech will know peace only in the grave.

XVII

GOG GOES TO PREY UPON THE JEWS

The Jew Faces An Anti-Semitic World.

And when the fortunes of war shall drive the Jew-baiting vandals of Germany to join the great Red Confederacy of the North, and in alliance with that confederacy march forth to ob-

tain world empire under the Red Flag, God have mercy on the Jew who will still profess loyalty to the faith of his fathers. And profess it he will, as a thousand murderous persecutors since the days of Pharaoh can testify. God loves the Jew because, even in his spiritual blindness, in spite of faggots, gibbets, racks, torture chambers, ghettos, and swords, he remains as no other nation—conscious that the God of Israel lives! God-conscious eternally he is! Because of this, there is always for him—*hope!* Some day he will look upon the hands that were pierced, and cry: "Behold, my God!" (Cf. Zech. 13:6 with John 20:25-29.) And with that cry the tears of Israel shall flow no more!

Today, the Jew faces a more extensive hatred than ever before in his long trek through the bloody ages. The most powerful forces ever mobilized for the accomplishment of his extermination, are mobilized. Foremost among his enemies today stands Adolf Hitler, the bloody foam of Jewphobia literally dripping from his jaws. One of his spokesmen, Herr Kobe, as quoted by the *Manchester Guardian Weekly* (May 25, 1934), said:

"There will be no peace for the nations, unless the Jews are expunged. From a moral point of view the Jews are, for the white race, what plague, consumption, and syphilis are to the health of humanity, and part of our bequest to our children must be the fight to annihilate Judea."

And such will be the belief that will inspire Gog's allied forces when the moment arrives for their fatal march to begin. The prophet of old must have had a vision beyond Israel's ancient enemies when he wrote:

"For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult;
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
They take crafty counsel against thy people,
And consult together against thy hidden ones.
They have said, *Come, and let us cut them off
from being a nation;*
*That the name of Israel may be no more in
remembrance.*

For they have consulted together with one consent;
 Against thee do they make a covenant:
 Who said, *Let us take to ourselves in possession*
The habitations [pastures, marg.] of God"
 (Psa. 83:2-5, 12).

At least, never did words more exactly describe the lot of Israel in the present hour than those words spoken nearly three millenniums ago.

The "enemies" of Israel are responsible for a great "tumult" on the earth. They declare that the Jew—"the international Jew"—is at the seat of all their troubles. Adolf Hitler, it seems, is unable to make a speech without renewing his familiar thesis that "Jewish and capitalist conspirators are responsible for the present war." Up to now, "they that hate thee [Israel] have lifted up the head." They ride victoriously in the saddles. Verily, as all the world knows, "they have taken crafty counsel" against "thy [God's] people." They have gone further, and are doing violence to God's "hidden ones"—hidden in Christ. The oft-expressed determination of these enemies of Jehovah, as we have seen, is nothing short of the annihilation of His people. They have insisted that the God of Israel soon shall "be no more in remembrance." After having "consulted together, with one consent they are against Thee [God]." And throughout the German and Russian domain, at least, they have taken to themselves "the houses of God in possession."

The stage is certainly nearly set.

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device" (Ezek. 38:10).

Hardly could an enemy of the living God "think an evil thought" *more* evil than to think to destroy the chosen people, "who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." (Rom. 9:4, 5). The God of Israel is a covenant-keeping God. Sooner shall the sun fade into oblivion, and the

stars of the heavens be no more, than that a single covenant of His shall fail. Therefore, it is written: "After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which plundered you; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zech. 2:8).

Gog and his allied hosts will follow the "evil thought" that will come into his mind. They will agree together, and cry in unison:

"I will go up to the land of unwallled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth" (Ezek. 38:11, 12).

The tramp of Gog's marshaled legions begins! They are off to their predestined end—a bonehouse in Palestine!

Gog Goes to the Prey.

We have seen how the *material* resources of the land of Israel will invite the northern bandits to enter the land for spoliation. But there will be other motives in the breast of Gog. The prophecy declares that he will come not only "to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods" (Ezek. 38:13); but he will come "*against the people* that are gathered out of the nations" (38:12).

We have seen that Gog's chief purpose is to eradicate God from the minds of men. Gog is the slave of Satan rather than of things material, although he believes himself to be ultra-materialistic and scoffs at the existence of his master! Of necessity, the godless northern beast *is*, as he always *has been*, an archfoe of the God-conscious Jew.

"We are against God!" shouted Communist Yaroslavsky as he fired the opening gun of the Second All Union Congress of Atheists at Moscow, on June 12, 1929 (*Pravda*). I shall not deny that there have been times, yes, many times, when to stand against the Jews was to make a stand for God. But, after saying that, allow me to make another statement: The man

who is "against God" is *always* against the Jew. I speak not of the renegade, apostate Jew (cf. Rom. 2:28, 29). I speak of the real orthodox Jew—the Jews *en masse*.

The historical records of God and of man contain many accounts that may well cause the Jew to hide his face in shame. On the other hand, read the list of his enemies! If the old saying is true that a man is known by his enemies, then who has a right to lift his head higher than the Jew? Consider his bitterest enemies: Pharaoh, the father of oppressors; Nebuchadnezzar, the chieftain of tyrants; Antiochus Epiphanes, the sachem of Apaches; Herod, the archchampion of baby-killers; Nero Cæsar, first fiddle of hell's superlative demons; Adolf Hitler, insane bigwig of all bloody-jawed fiends; Josef Stalin, beastliest beast of all the inhuman brutes of the earth—archenemies *all* of the Jew! Yes, the Jew may take genuine pride in knowing that these, and such as these, have always been *anti-Semitic*.

Our Lord Jesus, the Christ, solemnly warned the Jews as He stood in their midst of terrible days ahead when "they shall deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matt. 24:9). Note the fact: "*hated of all nations.*" Note the reason: "*for my name's sake.*" The Jews were to be hated because they were related to the Christ—because they were His brethren in the flesh.

A day is coming when the Devil is going to "come down" upon the world of men "having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Rev. 12:12 A.V.). Upon whom will he vent his spleen? We have the sure answer: "And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man child" (Rev. 12:13).

The "woman" (a "sign" [Rev. 12:1] of Israel) will be persecuted by the Devil because of her relation to the "man child"—Jesus Christ! The Devil is the *agent provocateur* of all the anti-Semitism in the world.

"The whole world lieth in the evil one" (I John 5:19). Therefore, the "whole world" hates the Christ. Therefore, the world hates the Jew because of his close relation to Christ. "If

the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you" (John 15:18, 19).

It is true, the primary reference in the passage just quoted is to the born-again Christian. However, Abraham was the father of two "seeds." The one "seed" is *heavenly*, in keeping with God's promise to Abraham: "I will multiply thy seed as the *stars* of the heavens" (Gen. 22:17; 15:5). This "seed" is wholly spiritual. All who by grace through faith have been born from above are the spiritual "seed" of Abraham. The other "seed" is *earthly*: "I will multiply thy seed . . . as the *sand* which is upon the seashore" (Gen. 22:17; 32:12). His earthly "seed" is his descendants according to the flesh. Many of them, indeed, have never experienced the spiritual birth. God limited the *earthly* "seed," to whom the earthly promises were made, to the descendants of Isaac, as it is written, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Gen. 21:12).

"O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones" (Psa. 105:6).
I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant:
Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations"
(Psa. 89:3, 4).

Now, both of the "seeds" are "*chosen*." The Devil hates the "chosen" Christian because he knows the Christian means defeat for him in *Eternity*. He hates the "chosen" Jew because he knows the Jew means his defeat in *Time*. At the end of "the times of the Gentiles," and for a thousand years beyond, dominion on this earth will be altogether in the hands of the Jew, while the Devil can amuse (?) himself rattling his chains in "the bottomless pit."

Satan became the implacable foe of the Jew the moment God declared the Jew to be His "chosen" instrument for bringing salvation to the world. "*Salvation is of the Jews*" (John 4:22, A.V.). From the womb of a Jewish virgin the Redeemer was to

spring. John beheld in his vision, and, lo, the "great red dragon . . . stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born" (Rev. 12:3, 4 A.V.)! In an effort to accomplish his nefarious purpose, he incarnated himself in Herod and "was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under" (Matt. 2:16). Thus was fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:15: "A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not."

The "man child," we are told, "was caught up unto God, and unto his throne" (Rev. 12:5), where He now sits "expecting till his enemies be made his footstool" (Heb. 10:13 A.V.). Furious because the "man child," even the Christ, is beyond his power to attack, the Devil now roams over the earth as a rancorous retaliative wolf, forever camping on the trail of "the woman" who mothered the Child. This explains the bitterness of anti-Semitic hatred wherever it appears in the world of men. This reveals the motive that sends Gog and his allies down upon the mountains of Israel.

But as always, the Devil will lose the battle. Verily, the Lord of glory shall be glorified among the nations. And into that glory God's earthly people, covenanted in Abraham, shall enter, even as it is written:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. . . .

"And foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. . . . That nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. . . . And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet. . . .

"Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that I, Jehovah, am thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. . . . Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. . . . And the days of thy mourning shall be ended. . . . I, Jehovah, will hasten it in its time" (Isa. 60:1-3, 10, 12, 14-16, 18, 20, 22).

Truly, the children of the earthly promises are travelling through "gross darkness" today, but light is ahead. They still stagger on the pathway, blinded by tears, for they still sojourn "in Meshech." Is not the prophetic sob of the Psalmist of extraordinary significance in this fateful hour?

"Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!" (Psa. 120:5).

XVIII

THE TRANSLATION OF THE SAINTS AND THE COMING OF THE ANTICHRIST

Two Events not Comprehended in Ezekiel's Prophecy.

Shortly before Gog begins his march down into Palestine two events of greatest moment will take place of which I must speak here. These events may have been known to the prophet; but, if so, the Holy Spirit did not reveal them within the prophecy concerning Gog. Ezekiel (38 and 39) is concerned only with Gog and Gog's allies. In order that we may have a clear understanding of the prophecy, it will be well to call attention to these two events.

(1) The Translation of the Saints.

At some time in the near or distant future God is going to remove His saints suddenly from the earth, even as it was revealed in Old Testament prophecy:

"Thy dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the dead.

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, Jehovah cometh forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain" (Isa. 26:19-21).

Discuss and interpret these words as men will, we have no authority, inside the Word of God or out of it, for believing anything else than that they mean exactly what they say. One of these days the righteous dead are going to hear the call of the great Resurrector, "and the earth shall cast forth the dead." Then a call from the air: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." That can mean nothing less than that our Lord is going to remove His own from this earth into a prepared hiding place above before He arises in righteous "indignation" to pour out upon the godless nations the vials of His wrath. In that awful time the living will be unable to bury the dead!

The prophet Jeremiah likewise envisioned that day:

"For thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it" (Jer. 30:5-7).

Our Lord also warned of this day:

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not

been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be" (Matt. 24:21).

Surely, our Lord, the great Bridegroom, will never leave His Bride here during that awful time of wrath to be punished with the ungodly. Why should He do so? The end has come. There is no reason for the Bride to remain longer upon the earth. And, then, has He not definitely *promised* that He will not leave her here during those earth-shaking judgments? What mean *these* promises?

"I . . . will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth" (Rev. 3:10).

"For so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to *escape all these things* that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Lk. 21:35, 36).

There are those who would have us believe that the revelation to Isaiah (26:19-21) was not a revelation of the translation of the saints, for they insist that the "Church" was not seen by Old Testament writers. May I ask where anyone finds authority for speaking of "the first resurrection" as the resurrection of the Church *alone*, using the word "Church" in its New Testament sense? "The translation" is the translation of "the *saints*"; and, if Old Testament saints do not have a part in that resurrection and the translation following, then pray tell me when the Old Testament saints are to come forth from the realms of the righteous dead. Possibly there is to be a double fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy; but *one thing sure*, in its final analysis it certainly coincides to the last jot and tittle with the New Testament revelation of the rapture of the saints, which I now quote:

"But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are

left unto the coming of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (I Thess. 4:13-18).

It seems to me that it would be presumptuous on my part even to attempt to make this revelation clearer than the words of the apostle himself make it. *It means exactly what it says.* Let others doubt, if they will. *I believe it!* I am to "comfort" myself "with these words" as I stand by the graves of my loved ones! And, I am not comforting myself with vain or uncertain words, or with a fanciful dream!

There was once a man named Enoch. "Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Gen. 5:24). It is written: "*Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him*" (Heb. 11:5).

There was once a man named Elijah. He went walking one day with Elisha. Suddenly Elisha cried, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof" (II Kings 2:12)! Elisha "saw him no more!" Fifty doubting Thomases went out upon the mountains, figuring that Elijah had tumbled out of the heavenly chariot and landed "upon some mountain, or into some valley" (II Kings 2:16)! "They sought three days, but found him not!" Upon their return, all that Elisha had to say was: "Did I not say unto you, *Go not?*"

I predict that the day is not far distant when the doubting Thomases within our pulpits are going out to search the mountains and the valleys for some of the rest of us. Here and now may I offer my own friendly advice: *Go not!* Those of them who, in that day *may* join us on that chariot ride—well, it will be our sweet privilege to nudge them in the side as we go, saying sweetly and kindly, "*Didn't I tell you so?*" May no reader

of this book be left on earth when Gog marshals his godless legions for the last tramp into Israel's land.

(2) *The Rise of the Antichrist.*

No believer in the inspired Word of God can doubt that at some time in the near or distant future there is coming into the world, in answer to a sinking world's cry for a Savior, one who will profess to be the Christ, but who will prove to be the false Christ—even the *Antichrist*. The Antichrist will be the only response of "the god of this world" (II Cor. 4:4) to the world's despairing cry for help, "in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow" (Isa. 17:11). Of such a one the Master warned the Jews: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the *Christ*, or, Here: believe it not. . . . Behold, I have told you beforehand" (Matt. 24:23-25).

Of him the Apostle Paul also wrote:

"Now we beseech you, brethren, touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind. . . . Let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?" (II Thess. 2:1-5).

Likewise, he made his appearance in the Patmos vision:

"I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads . . . and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority . . . and the whole earth wondered after the beast; and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with him? . . . And there was given to him authority to continue forty and two months. . . . And there was given to him authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation" (Rev. 13:1-7).

It is not my purpose now to go into any extended account of the rise and reign of the Antichrist. I simply wish to say here that his rise to power will be contemporaneous with the mobilization of Gog for his raid upon Palestine. Therefore, bear in mind that as the northern Bear climbs down over the Caucasus into Palestine, somewhere else in the world of men, the Antichrist, Devil-enthroned, Devil-inspired and Devil-controlled, is on his way, through diplomacy or through war, or both, to world dominion. That dominion he will enjoy for a very brief period of time—seven years, as I believe. (Cf. Dan. 9:24-27.) And, likewise, ere the Antichrist shall come to the fulness of his power, every redeemed, born again, saint of God will have heard the cry, "*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away*" (S. of Sol. 2:10)—and will have answered that call!

XIX

SHEBA, DEDAN, TARSHISH AND "THE YOUNG LIONS THEREOF"

A perplexing part of Ezekiel's prophecy presents to us certain political powers who will put in a poignant protest against Gog's pillaging pilgrimage into Israel's land. But the plea to the pillaging powers will not be very potent. To protest will be about as far as they will proceed to prevent it. Their combined protest will be of a famous "umbrella" type. We read:

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?" (Ezek. 38:13).

There is little or no difference of opinion among historians in identifying Dedan or Sheba.

SHEBA. As for Sheba, Bible scholars are in general agree-

ment with the statement of the *International Standard Bible Encyclopædia* (Vol. IV, Pg. 2752):

"Sheba was the name of an Arab tribe, and consequently of Semitic descent. . . . Their derivation from Abraham (Gen. 25:3) would indicate that some families were located in Syria. In point of fact Sheba was a South-Arabian or Joktanite tribe (Gen. 10:28), and his own name and that of some of his brothers are placenames in Southern Arabia."

The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopædia of Religious Knowledge (Vol. XI, Pg. 249) says:

"Sheba, one of the sons of Raamah, is no doubt the people often mentioned in the Old Testament and in early writers as the Sabæans, who dwelt in Southwest Arabia and were connected always with gold and incense material (Isa. lx. 6) and with the commerce from India."

DEDAN. As for Dedan, it is agreed that Dedan refers to an Arabian people descended from Cush, who, in turn, was descended from Abraham through Keturah. The Dedanites were probably more or less of a mixed race. Davis (*Dictionary of the Bible*, Pg. 165) says:

"They were an important commercial people (Ezek. xxvii. 15, 20; xxxviii. 13) of Arabia (Is. xxi. 13), in the neighborhood of Edom (Jer. xxv. 23; xlix. 8; Ezek. xxv. 13), where caravan routes from southern, eastern, and central Arabia converged."

Dedan, today, may be the new kingdom of Hedjaz, or Arabia, or, possibly the prophet may have had in view both the new buffer states of Iraq and Hedjaz which grew out of World War No. I. A bit of interesting information is thrown on the subject by the prophet Isaiah (21:13):

"The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye caravans of Dedanites."

It seems, then, beyond dispute that the Moslem populations that have for centuries been dwelling in the land promised to Abraham, from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates, will utter a stern protest when Gog leads forth his legions to invade that domain. That, of course, would be expected.

TARSHISH. The part of the prophecy, however, which is of particular interest to us, has to do with the identification of "Tarshish." Many believe that "Tarshish," in this prophecy, refers to none other than Great Britain and that one of the "young lions" must be the United States.

Unlike Sheba and Dedan, there seems to be a host of varying opinions as to "Tarshish."

One author, for many years a close and truly beloved friend of mine, himself a staunch defender of the old-time faith that rests upon the inspired Word of God, I believe to be in error at this point. It is only with his own kindly permission, and with his full knowledge that I would be critical of his position in this particular matter, that I quote him as an example of what I regard as an erroneous interpretation of Ezekiel's reference to "Tarshish." Moreover, I shall give more than passing attention to the matter, inasmuch as it involves, and may throw light upon, the part that Great Britain and The United States are to play upon the stage as the sunset of Gentile dominion draws nigh.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, in his recent book, *The Coming League and the Roman Dream*, under the sub-caption, "What and Where Is Tarshish?" writes:

"There has been too much wild speculation in this weird sort of teaching in our day, and it is time we got back to the Word itself. An instance of such is the preposterous attempts to identify Great Britain with the people called 'Tarshish' in the Bible.

"I must confess to a frank and annoyed wonder at the dogmatism which prompts some modern teachers to insist that the 'Tarshish' of the prophecies is Great Britain. The only possible explanation I can find for this phenomenon is that the wish is father to the thought, and Anglo-Saxon pride is at the basis of the identification. It is difficult to believe that any honest scholar could make an unprejudiced, comprehensive and exhaustive study of the question and find Great Britain concealed behind the name Tarshish!"

Now, that presents me with a challenge. Dr. Rimmer may have had me in mind as one of the teachers of prophecy who

see "Great Britain concealed behind the name Tarshish," as *that name appears in Ezekiel's prophecy*. However, I must deny that I have ever "insisted," or have been guilty of "dogmatism" in the matter. We can only wonder if Dr. Rimmer himself, as an "honest scholar," has ever made "an unprejudiced, comprehensive, and exhaustive study of the question."

On pages 32 and 33 of his book Dr. Rimmer proceeds to say:

"So in the map of the Old World in the famed 'Scofield Bible,' the editor, Dr. C. I. Scofield, bluntly labels Spain 'Tarshish.'

"In the same world map printed in the Nelson editions of the American Revised Version, Spain is again labelled 'Tarshish.'

"In Dickson's New Analytical Bible, the map of the old world again calls Spain 'Tarshish.' And this is true of the atlas section of every Bible I have in my possession. All the cartographers are united in the evident fact that Spain is 'Tarshish.'"

Upon reading those statements, I proceeded to collect on my table all the Bibles, old and new, in my study, and to look into this matter before continuing writing this exposition of Ezekiel's prophecy. Apparently, I must have some Bibles that Dr. Rimmer does not possess and has not examined. I now present some of my own findings:

My old well-worn Scofield Bible shows "Tarshish" in Cilicia and "*Tartessus*" off the southeastern coast of Spain. However, my newer Scofield Bible shows "Tarshish" along the southeastern coast of Spain.

A Nelson edition of the American Revised Version shows "Tarshish" on a map as being in southern Spain. However, it is printed thus: "Tarshish?" Evidently the cartographer was in doubt; hence, the interrogation point. Another Nelson Bible shows "Tarshish" in Spain and there is no interrogation point.

Dickson's *New Analytical Edition of The Holy Bible*, on one of its maps, places "Tarshish" in Spain. But in the *Index and Digest* of this Bible it says that "Tarshish" was "A celebrated part of the ancient world, thought by some to be Tarsus in Cilicia, and by others to be Tartessus in Southern Spain."

The Holman Bible, *Linear Parallel Edition*, on two of its maps, places "Tarshish" in Cilicia.

Two different Oxford Bibles give two maps in each Bible showing "Tarshish" to be in Cilicia. Both of these Bibles show "Tartessus" as being in southern Spain. A third Oxford Bible shows "Tarshish" in Spain and Tarsus in Cilicia.

In my *Douay Version* of the Bible, published by John Murphy Company, "Printers to The Holy See," the maps place "Tarshish" in Cilicia and not in Spain.

The International Teachers Bible shows "Tarshish" along the southeastern coast of Spain and "Tartessus" off the southwestern coast on the sea. This Bible in its *Word Book* has this to say:

"*Tarshish*, an emporium for silver, iron, tin, and lead. It is often given as Tartessus in Spain. *According to Conder, it is always connected with places in Asia Minor and farther east, and was probably the later Tarsus, q.v.*"

Claud Reignier Conder was an English archæologist of note. He was in command of the survey of Western Palestine for the University College of London in 1872-78 and 1881-82. He wrote many valuable works, among them being *Handbook to the Bible*, *Primer of Bible Geography*, *The Bible and the East*, etc., etc. If Conder is to be considered as an authority as he is quoted by the *International Teachers Bible*, then "Tarshish" never belonged to Spain, in spite of some of the cartographers who place it there. It is evident that the cartographers who drew the maps for the *International Teachers Bible* and the author of the *Word Book* printed in the same Bible, were not in agreement.

So far as the cartographers are concerned, it appears to me that instead of being "united in the evident fact that Spain is Tarshish," they leave us to flounder in doubt as to the locality to which Jonah bought his ticket (Jonah 1:3), or from which a ringing message of protest will be telegraphed to Gog when he starts his march into Israel's land.

I am not satisfied with the cartographers! I want to *know*, if it is possible to know, whether my country, or even Great Britain, is going to sit in cowardly silence as the godless old

Red monster of the north goes forth to devastate the Holy Land and smear it with the blood of Israel.

I want to know, for our Lord assured us that the coming judgment of the nations is going to be on the basis of their treatment of "the least of these, my brethren"—*the Jews!* (Matt. 25:31-46). I want to know, if I can know, where my country will stand in that day. Will the old Stars and Stripes float aloft in glory in the Millennial Kingdom, not because she was without great national sins, but because she did refuse to join in any Satanic program to exterminate the "earthly seed of Abraham"?

I firmly believe that God's Word assures us that the nation that has fought at terrific cost against all racial prejudices, and has maintained on the face of the earth a place whereon men and women might erect their altars and worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences—I firmly believe that that nation, while not escaping severe chastening for her sins, yet will be "left . . . to go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16)—the great Thanksgiving Feast of those happy days yet to be!

Old Glory, those who have dwelt beneath your glorious folds may often have proven themselves unworthy of the favor of God, but never yet beneath your folds have men been denied the right to assemble and worship God. Never yet beneath your folds have men had the privilege to slay because of race, color, or creed! Dear old flag! May you never touch the ground so long as time shall last!

Yes! We must know more about "Tarshish" than the cartographers have revealed. Let us now consult some other authoritative sources whose "honest" scholarship will scarcely be called in question.

Josephus, together with many of the Chaldee and Arabian scholars, believed that "Tarshish" was Tarsus, a city in Cilicia. Some Arabian geographers saw "Tarshish" in Tunis, Africa. Samuel Bochart, famed seventeenth-century scholar, would have it be Tartessus, an *island* in the straits of Gades, off the coast of Spain. M. Le Clerc, famous Reformed theologian

(seventeenth century), renowned for his scholarship, thinks it is "Thassus" (Thasos), an island and city in the Ægean sea. Grotius, celebrated Dutch scholar and theologian (seventeenth century), first of Roman Catholic and later of Waldensian faith, likewise believed that the sea in general was "Tarshish" and that "the ships of Tarshish" were what we would designate as "ocean-going vessels." The Septuagint sometimes translates "Tarshish"—"*the Sea*." The Septuagint, however, also holds "Tarshish" to be Carthage. So did St. Jerome and Theodoret.

Richard Watson, in *Watson's Dictionary* (Pg. 904, 1832 ed.), declares:

"We must conclude one of these two things, either that there were two countries called Tarshish, one upon the ocean, and another upon the Mediterranean, or that the ships of Tarshish in general signifies nothing else but ships able to bear a long voyage, large merchant ships."

Dr. William Smith's *Standard Bible Dictionary* names four different places called "Tarshish," viz.: 1. Tarsus, in Cilicia. 2. Tartessus, in Spain (Ps. 72:10). 3. "A place on the east of Africa, not far from Ophir (I Kings 10:22),"—the place from which the ships carried "gold, and silver, and ivory, and apes, and peacocks" to add to the wealth of Solomon. 4. Carthage (Isa. 23:6).

Davis, in his *Dictionary of the Bible* (Pg. 723), asserts:

"It was a distant land (Is. lxvi. 19) . . . It is believed that Tarshish was Tartessus, in the south of Spain, *near Gibraltar* (Herod. IV. 152). . . . Ships of Tarshish were originally ships trading to and from Tarshish, but ultimately ships of first-rate magnitude to whatever place their voyages may have been made."

I have no doubt that the ocean-going vessels—"ships of Tarshish"—reached beyond the Straits of Gibraltar, even to the British Isles, where the Romans a little later built their roads and secured their tin.

One Oxford Bible, printed at the University Press, Oxford, places in its explanatory notes and helps "A Glossary of An-

tiquities, Customs, etc." It has this exceedingly interesting statement as to "*the farthest limit* of the western world known to the Hebrews":

"'Ships of Tarshish' were large Phœnician trading vessels, plying between Tyre and Tartessus in Spain. They passed the Straits of Gibraltar, crossed the Bay of Biscay to *Britain*, and doubled the Cape of Good Hope. Hence they gave their name to all merchantmen."

The International Standard Bible Encyclopædia affirms that "Tarshish was the farthest limit of the western world as known to the Hebrews . . . but the expression became a general designation for large sea-going vessels to any quarter" (Vol. IV, Pg. 2775).

In the face of all the information that can be gleaned, it would seem somewhat presumptuous on the part of any one to put his finger down on any one spot on the map and say: "Here, and *here only*, is 'Tarshish.'" It seems apparent that there were more places than one on the maps of the ancient world that could have been designated "Tarshish." If so, then the question arises, Which of these places fits the prophetic picture in Ezekiel? Certainly, God did not intend to tell us something and yet tell us nothing. Surely, God meant that His revelation was to be just that—a *revelation*.

Putting together all the information to be secured, it would seem that *The International Standard Bible Encyclopædia* gives us about the correct idea: "*Tarshish was the farthest limit of the western world as known to the Hebrews.*" It was as if the prophet pointed out across the waves of the great Mediterranean Sea, to where the sun seemed to sink beneath them, and said: "Out there, in the far away west, the uttermost points our sea-going ships reach, is a land—a *lion*, who, together with her young, will join Sheba and Dedan in protesting to Gog when that godless beast shall march to violate Israel's land."

Is "Tarshish" Great Britain?

Now, just what nation exists today that could fit into Ezekiel's description of the Gentile sunset? Is it reasonable to

believe that some small unknown stretch of beach land in southern Spain or in Cilicia or elsewhere meets the demands of the prophecy? I think not. I can see in the prophecy only a power of sufficient importance that its protest was a thing to be recorded by the prophet of God in the Sacred Writ. I am not dogmatic about it. I seek only for light. But when I have searched the pages and inquired of the sages, there remains only one nation today that, it would seem, can answer the particulars—Great Britain.

To these particulars within the picture I now call attention:

1. "Tarshish" will be a nation of merchants—"the merchants of Tarshish" (38:13). Could either Cilicia or southern Spain fit this description? Great Britain is the greatest nation of merchants in the world.

2. "Tarshish" is a word that ever carried with it the thought of *ships*—"the ships of Tarshish"—and of the *sea*. Surely, this is not true of Spain nor any part of Spain today. Even less is it true of Cilicia. Great Britain is the greatest maritime nation on the face of the earth.

3. "Tarshish" will be a country having special interest in the land of Abraham "from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18), else why the protest? Sheba and Dedan protest for a similar reason. "From the Nile to the Euphrates"—Egypt, Arabia, Palestine, Syria, Iraq—what nation even begins to be so vitally concerned as is Great Britain when invasion threatens?

4. "Tarshish" will be a nation kindly disposed toward the Jew. Else why the protest against their spoliation? Great Britain is kindly disposed toward the Jew, and holds the mandate for the Holy Land.

5. "Tarshish" will be a power of sufficient strength and importance to dare to lift a protesting finger against the mighty Gog. No small, insignificant, "used-to-be" political power could fit into the picture. Great Britain will be in a position to utter such a protest.

6. "Tarshish" must be a nation of which the "lion" is a familiar symbol. "The British Lion" is not an appellation unknown to the world—that is sure. It is true that Great Britain is not the only political power that has been symbolized by the lion. Other nations, from time to time, have used the lion as the

heraldic emblem upon their coats of arms. But no other nation has been so commonly and familiarly and persistently known as "The Lion" as has England. "The British Lion"—who has not heard of *him*?

7. "Tarshish" must be the mother of strong, healthy cubs—"the young lions thereof"—strong enough that they dare to show their teeth and join in the growl of displeasure in the face of Gog and his allies. Great Britain's "young lions"—Canada, Australia, New Zealand, her African colonies, India,—and, some would say, *the United States*—are at least strong enough to make an impressionable exhibit of their teeth.

Dr. Rimmer insists that—

"We must not overlook the fact also that Egypt is called the lion in Old Testament books. Such a reference will be seen in Ezekiel 32:2, where the prophet cries: '*Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations. . . .*'"

"Egypt would nominally be a better candidate for the honor of this recognition than England would be, as Egypt is a Mediterranean country, and England is not. Yet most prophecy centers around the Mediterranean sea, as is well known" (*The Coming League And The Roman Dream*, Pg. 37).

I appreciate the fact that Dr. Rimmer has called my attention to the above Scripture—Ezekiel 32:2. I hadn't dug that up. It certainly is of interest to know that the "king of Egypt" is today, as of old, "*a young lion*"—but OF ENGLAND!

Just why have we gone to so great pains to identify, if possible, the "Tarshish" and the "young lions" of "Tarshish"? Reason enough! If our interpretation is correct, then thank God for this divine assurance that Great Britain and her young cubs, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, *and America*, will be found protesting to the very end of the age against the ravages of the great Bolshevistic colossus of the north and its atheistic allies. Doubtless, there will be a terrific struggle against the Communistic Rahu; but let those who fear find some comfort in the assurance of the "Scripture that cannot be broken," that when the end comes we will not be swallowed up by him, nor

found marching with him, but protesting against him and his evil deeds unto the day when Christ Jesus, the Lord, shall take over the reins of human government.

XX

A WARNING TO AMERICA

America, Awake!

We are happy to have divine assurance that Great Britain, and America with her, will protest to the very end, even if vainly, against the deeds of the Godless northern nations. But this should allow no true Christian American or Englishman to cease to exercise eternal vigilance in opposition to the attempts of Gog to atheize and communize the world. I am confident that my country, born out of the agony of our fathers and mothers who were loyal to the Christian faith, will be found in honor, protesting to the last, against any political powers that attempt to tear down the altars of our spiritual faith and persecute any human being because of his relation to God or to the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the eternal God, if not for the sake of us as unworthy children, yet for the sake of our fathers before us, will not permit freedom to perish from the earth.

May the Stars and Stripes ever remain the banner of the free and be held aloft in glory, no matter what the rest of the world may do. As true Americans, we should rather see our flag go down in honor than continue to float in disgrace. *But it must not go down!* Therefore, keep up an unceasing battle against the "three unclean spirits" (Rev. 16:13) of Communism, Nazism, and Fascism—spirits that have crept out of the pits of hell, cursed the earth, and brought upon us the horrible orgies of blood of the present hour.

We might as well understand it *now*. The political, moral, and spiritual inheritances which have been handed down to us

by our fathers are under terrific attack all over the earth. America, the foremost citadel of our inheritance, is the line of last defense. Gog and all his damnable satellites are now in an all out, do-or-die attack to pierce that line and take that citadel! God grant that this shall never be while the Church remains upon the earth!

Just now millions of true, loyal citizens of the great British and American democracies have a hard time reconciling themselves to the so-called "fighting alliance" we have with Russia. They are in a dilemma. And the dilemma is understandable!

They are fully conscious of the fact that Adolf Hitler is out to enslave the world—to grind human freedom under the heels of his ruthless Nazi criminals. For any true Christian American, death would be preferable to Nazi rule.

On the other hand, what if that other heartless butcher, Josef Stalin, wins this war and manacles our wrists with the shackles of Bolshevism, as he has done on every foot of territory where his will has become absolute? We have been reliably informed by an authoritative voice from England itself that millions of Britishers are right now haunted with a terrible fear: "What if Stalin takes unto himself the credit for winning this war and rides into Berlin a conqueror, and gets in a position to dictate the terms for peace to all Continental Europe?" If any one wants to know what will happen to the world when once it has to take its orders from Moscow, listen to the moans borne to us by the winds that sweep in upon us from every state he has fettered by his armed might. Listen to the sobbing in Finland, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. And be not deceived. In the teeming brain of Josef Stalin lie dreams of world empire that dwarf the fondest dream that Napoleon ever had. And Stalin has tremendously greater resources than Napoleon ever had, with only a tithe of the heart, the honor, and the decent principles that Napoleon possessed, and Napoleon was not overweighted with honor!

Dr. Arno C. Gaebelein, editor of *Our Hope* (August, 1941), concludes an article therein on the subject, "The New Great World Crisis," thus:

"Briefly stated, if Russia succeeds in conquering Hitler, as it may, then Stalin will soon be the great universal world dictator. The progress of world revolution will speedily follow. Our own country will have to face a situation which we do not undertake to picture, for we are already honeycombed with Communism, beginning in the high places of our government and reaching down to the cheap politicians."

Some of the heads of our Government are intimating that those who are not enthusiastically "for Russia" (now that she is fighting at our side against Hitler) are not loyal Americans—are close relations to the Fifth Columnists, and all that. The writer bows to no man in his loyalty to America. His ancestors wrapped rags about their feet and marched with Washington at Valley Forge. As a boy he was thrilled to hear his mother relate how his forebears considered a bit of rattlesnake flesh a delicacy in those dark days. And they never wavered nor complained. Indeed, three out of four of his ancestral lines reach back over more than two centuries of American history, and how much farther back I do not know. And the writer wants to say frankly that, as an old-time American, he has a horrible fear of the consequences if, at the close of this War, Soviet Russia shall find herself in a position to come to the peace table able to proclaim herself as the real winner of this War. And he has just as horrible a fear as to Germany winning it! Thanks be to Heaven above for the faith that in us is—*no one but God is going to win this war!* More anon!

Westbrook Pegler, famous "*Fair Enough*" columnist, was not using empty words when he wrote:

"Joseph Stalin will be very powerful at the peace conference, if there is a peace conference. There might be no such conference, for Stalin is unpredictable and a man of no such delicacy as President Wilson and thus might recognize no surrender but push right on into Germany waging a war of obliteration. In that case, the United States and Britain, in the name of Christ and humanity, might protest for the record, but it seems improbable that Stalin would be deterred from such a purpose by mere words and equally unlikely that American and British forces would go to the rescue of the Germans.

In that situation, moreover, Stalin would have the vigorous personal co-operation of millions of bitter men and women of all the nations which have suffered under the Nazi scourge. . . .

"Nazi symbols and pagan shrines would be publicly fouled and all Germans required to wear a badge, probably yellow, inscribed with the swastika. . . .

"This would be consistent with the German conduct in all conquered countries, particularly in Poland, and, of course, no Nazi could claim any moral right to protest, although non-Nazis might try their luck. . . .

"The German nation has established all the necessary precedents for a horrible future for the German people, all written in the German laws and the conduct of the German political war machine, this time and the last. The Russians, too, have had some experience in the business of deportations and the dehumanization of masses of people and so recently that it may be said that they have lost neither the knack nor the mood. . . .

"The future is long and foggy, but the Russians seem sure to be the jailers of the Germans and the arbiters of their fate when this war is done."

If Pegler's guess proves to be correct, and the Russians are "sure to be the jailers of the Germans and the arbiters of their fate when this war is done," all of which will mean "a horrible future for the German people," is there anything in the history of Soviet Russia that gives promise that "a horrible future" will not also await some of the rest of the world?

It is apropos to the purpose of this book that we should record within its pages a portion of a speech delivered January 15, 1942, upon the floor of the United States Congress by Chairman Martin Dies of the Congressional Committee investigating un-American activities. It is comforting to know that he spoke to "what appeared to be an agreeing audience for the most part." This true-blue American said:

"Some persons seem to think that the Russians' heroic fight against the invading Nazi hordes is good ground for closing our eyes to the nature and ultimate aims of the Communist Party of the United States. Such a view is, in my opinion, wholly devoid of logic. Hitler's complete annihilation at the

hands of the Russian armies would not make Communism one iota more compatible with the American way of life. Now is the time to look that fact squarely in the face. In concert with many and varied peoples and governments throughout the world, we have undertaken the task of destroying Hitlerism. It is no part of that enterprise that we embrace Communism. Neither is it any part of that enterprise that we permit Communists to entrench themselves more deeply in our life and institutions.

"The determination of the Russian people to drive Hitler's armies from their soil is a thing which we applaud wholeheartedly. The assistance of the Russian armies in destroying Hitlerism is a matter which we welcome unreservedly. But these things have nothing whatever to do with our firm conviction that the spread of Communism to new territories would be in the nature of unmitigated tragedy. Communism as an international movement reaching its tentacles into our own land is a thing which we condemn as much in 1942 as we did in 1938.

"The whole matter may be viewed with the frankest realism. Stalin is not fighting Hitler because he has been converted from Communism to Democracy. He is fighting because Hitler invaded Russia. The destruction of Hitlerism is the one and only point on which the interests of the United States and the interests of the Soviet Union converge, and we may be sure Stalin himself views the matter in this light.

"Let us then proceed with the grim business of destroying Hitlerism, joined in that enterprise with all those who share that single purpose—including Stalin and the Russian people—but let us also be on the alert lest the Communist Party of the United States utilize the present situation to lay better its foundations for a future Soviet America. The Communist Party has not renounced Communism, and I at least want the record to show that I have not renounced my opposition to Communism."

In the face of so solemn a warning, coming from so high and authoritative a source in our Government, it is well for America to watch her steps. At an ultra-critical time in the American Revolution an attempt was made by a deserter from the British Army named Thomas Hickey to poison George Washington. Hickey was convicted and hanged. Soon after, on

April 30, 1777, General Washington sent a letter to his regimental commanders regarding recruits for his bodyguard, in which he said: "You will therefore send me none but natives!" It is upon this incident that the saying, "*Put none but Americans on guard tonight!*" is attributed to Washington.

Again, America, you face a fateful hour—probably the most critical since Washington's men reddened the snow with their oozing blood at Valley Forge. If you are wise, you will see to it that in this hour "none but Americans will be put on guard" in the "arsenal of Democracy."

Make it your supreme business to see that every public official, from the sacred precincts of the White House down to the village constable, is an all-out American. "No man can serve two masters!" You cannot serve God and Gog! Neither can you serve Washington and Moscow!

It is encouraging for us to hear our President say:

"I reiterate the statement which I have made many times before, that a real revival of religion is what this country most needs—that in such a revival we would find a solution to all our problems, whether political, economical, or social."

It is a far cry from the man who made that statement to the man who continually declares that "religion is the opiate of the people." But we would be still more encouraged if our President were not surrounded by so many parlor pinks, radical professors, and other "social gospelists" who are, beyond controversy, too friendly with those who are not "natives."

Americans Puzzled.

A lot of true-blue, old-fashioned Americans, who are "all-out" with our President to win the present war against Godless, ruthless aggressors on this earth, are frankly puzzled by some of his official acts. It is hard for them to understand why, for instance, our President should have released from the prison in Atlanta a duly convicted man, known to be a sworn enemy of the form of government provided by the Constitution of the United States. It is no secret that Earl Browder was one of the foremost pro-Axis collaborationists during the lifetime of the

Berlin-Moscow compact. Only since the strange turn of human events that have compelled the United States to join Russia as "a fighting ally" against the German tyrant had Earl Browder ceased his harangues against the "Capitalistic slavers" in New York and London.

On May 28th, 1942, just as I was putting the finishing touches on this volume, a member of the President's official family, United States Attorney General Biddle, ordered the immediate deportation of the C.I.O. leader, Harry Renton Bridges, because of his affiliation with the Communist Party. In so doing, he affirmed that the American Communist Party is a "section" of The Third International. He also declared that *"The Communist Party teaches the overthrow of existing governments, including the United States."*

Now, Earl Browder is the supreme head of the Communist Party in these United States. He was found guilty beyond question of giving false information and using forged passports contrary to law in the interests of the Communist Party having its headquarters in Moscow. He was sentenced to a term of four years in the penitentiary, and sent to Atlanta. But, suddenly, after having served only fourteen months of his term, he is released at the order of our President. In justification of his action, the President said that the pardon would have "a tendency to promote national unity."

"A tendency to promote national unity"—WITH WHAT? That is the question that puzzles. Has America—"the land of the free and the home of the brave"—come to the place where we have to begin appeasing the acknowledged foes of our form of government in order to preserve the "national unity" necessary to our safety? Really, *have we come to that?*

Again, only a few days ago, to our shores came Foreign Affairs Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, from Moscow. From May 29th to June 4th (1942), he was closeted with our President. At the close of the stay, the White House issued a statement, saying:

"In the course of the conversations . . . were discussed the fundamental problems on co-operation of the Soviet Union and the United States in safeguarding peace and security to the

freedom-loving peoples after the war. Both sides state with satisfaction the unity of their views on all these questions."

Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, and Finland, should all be quite some interested in that!

The State Department issued a statement also, confirming the signing of a "mutual aid agreement," and said:

"The agreement signed today adds the Soviet Union to the growing list of countries which have joined in a determination to take practical measures to create a better world hereafter."

Imagine, if you can, the old gore-begrimed grizzly in an "all-out" to make this a better world! Should an old grizzly get a stranglehold and finish off a man-eating tiger to my satisfaction—well, thank the Lord for that favor! But, please, will some one now save this child in the woods from the grizzly?

Can any one believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will receive the slightest recognition at any peace table whereat Josef Stalin and his Soviet advisers shall sit? And any effort to make this "a better world" with Christ ignored and God profaned is a fool's dream—no matter whose else dream it may be! It is written:

"Why do the nations rage,
And the peoples meditate a vain thing?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against Jehovah, and against his anointed . . .
He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh:
The Lord will have them in derision.
Then will he speak unto them in his wrath,
And vex them with his sore displeasure:
Yet have I set my king
Upon my holy hill of Zion. . . .
Now therefore, be wise, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth. . . .
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in
the way,
For his wrath will soon be kindled."

—Psalm II.

An "understanding" or an "agreement" with Soviet Russia might be more assuring if Stalin and his henchmen were known to have more respect for his covenants. As a covenant-breaker, Josef Stalin is surpassed only by Adolf Hitler. It is to be recalled that only a few short years ago, in order to secure recognition again by the United States Government, the Soviets solemnly promised not to propagandize our country with their subversive, non-American, Communistic doctrines. And yet, that same Soviet regime has sent its agents to conspire against our form of government ever since. Soviet agencies exist everywhere in America,—encouraged and often sponsored by Moscow. Tons upon tons of Communistic propaganda and balderdash pour forth daily from printing presses from New York to Seattle. Communists, receiving their inspiration from Moscow, hypnotize our teachers and preachers, outline curricula for our schools, violate our laws with impunity, and loll in and around the White House. Moreover, until the United States entered the battle with Russia for the overthrow of Hitlerism, they harangued the United States as a selfish, Capitalistic nation, and incited uprisings and incendiary strikes wherever and whenever opportunity offered. Thus, Soviet Russia violated every pledge she gave us. *Can we trust her now?*

Two years ago, England was in a life and death struggle, attempting to cage the brute that was devouring all Europe. Soviet Russia then gave every appearance of friendliness to England. Yet all the while she was conducting secret negotiations with Germany, resulting in a pact with Adolf Hitler, permitting the old Bear to ramble forth from his den and do a little devouring himself. It was this pact that encouraged Adolf Hitler to invade Poland—and World War No. II was on! Then, when it suited his purpose, Hitler, the arch covenant-breaker, turned and invaded Russia. There was a cry for help from the Russian den.

And, now, not only Washington, but London also, have renewed their pledges of "love and devotion" with the great northern Bear. Doubtless, a lot of Britons as well as Americans view the whole proceeding with a good deal of misgiving, if not actual alarm!

However, according to the news sheets, there is one Briton who is supremely satisfied. William Gallacher, the only Communist member of the British Parliament, "hailed the treaty as creating '*a friendly atmosphere' for a great expansion of Communist principles in England.*" Gallacher told newsmen that the "Communist Party is on the way to becoming a decisive influence in British politics."

President Roosevelt, on Sunday evening, February 15, 1942, radioed a fine, encouraging message to the Canadian people. He closed the message by assuring them that "the United Nations will fight and work and endure together until our common purpose is accomplished, and the sun shines down once more upon *a world where the weak will be safe and the strong will be just.*" We can all be pardoned if we express wonderment at Communist Soviet Russia entering into any group of "United Nations" to make the world a place "where the weak will be safe and the strong will be just." To date, Russia has been utterly anything but such a place as that! I wish I could fondly hope that even now the Soviet Union has had a change of heart, and that hereafter in her rule over one-sixth of the land surface of the earth she will see that the weak are safe and that the strong are just. That would be an enormous gain for "peace on earth and good will toward men."

XXI

GOG'S INVASION OF ISRAEL'S LAND

"And there was mounting in hot haste: the steed,
The mustering squadron, and the clattering car,
Went pouring forward with impetuous speed,
And swiftly forming in the ranks of war;
And the deep thunder peal on peal, afar
And near; the beat of the alarming drum
Roused up the soldier ere the morning star;

While throng'd the citizens with terror dumb,
Or whispering with white lips—"The foe!
They come! they come!"

Thus wrote Lord Byron. And as Gog mobilizes his legions in that day there will be "white lips" in Palestine! "The foe! They come! they come!"

Israel still will persist in reminding the world of God. But God must be forgotten! Therefore, Israel must perish! Gog has decreed it!

Moreover, Gog affirms: Capitalism must go! Israelitism and Capitalism are synonymous words. Therefore, Israelitism must perish! Gog has decreed it!

In the eyes of the Communist the world's two greatest evils are *God and Capitalism*. Israel is the embodiment of them both. Israel must perish or Communism must perish. The world isn't big enough to contain them both. Therefore, Israel must die and her sacred land confiscated for the State. Gog marshals his legions, and, together with his allies, marches!

"They come! they come!" Down from the plains—up over the mountains—out from "Gog's Fort"—on past the cedars of Lebanon—thousands upon thousands—"as a cloud to cover the land"—onto "the mountains of Israel"—"into the land of unwall'd villages . . . to take the spoil and to take the prey." (Ezek. 38:11, 12)!

Gog Shaken.

Then something happens. It happens in the heavens. "My wrath shall come up into my nostrils" (38:18). So saith the Lord God! "My fury shall come up in my face!" When fury mounts into the face of the Lord God of heaven and earth and wrath inflates His nostrils, nature quivers, and well she may. It is written:

"For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the

men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground" (Ezek. 38:19, 20).

There are those who always scoff at any manifestation of supernatural power, as though the God we worship is impotent to move at will the great forces of the universe which He created. They ridicule a literal interpretation of this prophecy. They would have us spiritualize it and believe that we have here a picture of a world given over to anarchy, or something of that sort. However, I shall stay by a rule of interpretation that has guided me all my life and for which I have not yet had to apologize. I believe the Word of God means exactly what it says, and is to be interpreted literally *unless* in the context we have a clear indication that it should be interpreted otherwise.

There is nothing in the context of Ezekiel's prophecy to compel us to believe that the "great shaking in the land of Israel" will be anything else than an earthquake of extreme violence. The God Who made the earth can shake it! Omnipotence is not impotent!

In the humble opinion of the writer, as soon as those three stupendous and simultaneous events take place—even *the resurrection of the righteous dead, the transformation of the living saints, and the translation of them both "to meet the Lord in the air"*—this skeptical old world is going to witness Jehovah manifesting His infinite power over all the forces of nature as that power has not been manifested since the recreation recorded in the first chapter of Genesis. Nothing can be so awe-inspiring—absolutely nothing can shut profane lips and send nations of unregenerate men so quickly to their knees—as for the living Omnipotence to grapple the forces of nature and compel them to go far from their ages-trodden pathways in the utter performance of His will!

If the Scriptures everywhere do not proclaim that nature is going to leap to obey the behest of her God, and undergo a tremendous, fearsome upheaval as man's day plunges to its

tragic end, then words are nought but meaningless vibrations of air. But words are not so!

Our Lord Himself said:

“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (Matt. 24:29, 30).

Again, from his observatory on Patmos Isle, the great Seer beheld that which is to be the most horrific convulsion that nature will have experienced since the stars were flung into space by the fiat of their Creator. Thus he describes the awful vision:

“And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind. And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places” (Rev. 6:12-14).

No wonder that the Seer also beheld:

“And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb” (Rev. 6:15, 16).

In that day, Nebuchadnezzar-like, the quivering throngs with blanched faces will scoff no more, but will acknowledge that the terrific disruption of the universe itself is nothing less than the vengeance of the mighty God “that sitteth on the throne” and “the wrath of the Lamb”—even the Lamb Who

was manhandled and maltreated and slain when He came to earth with a message of peace and good will.

We know that there are some very respectable commentators whose opinions are always worth weighing, who take the position that John beheld a period of universal anarchy yet to be. Such a day may well come. I am far from denying the fact that there are many symbolic pictures and figures of speech in the Word of God. I am fully aware of the fact that "mountains" in the Scriptures are often figures of kingdoms, etc. Nevertheless, I am unable to find any authority within the Revelation for believing that in *this* vision, John beheld anything other than the Almighty God giving a convincing exhibition of His power and glory to "the kings of earth and the great men and the rich men, and chief captains, and the mighty men" who, throughout the centuries, have scorned to confess and to worship at the feet of a Deity Who possesses supernatural power. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow, And every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11). Yes, verily, as the unregenerate doctors of science and doctors of philosophy plead for the mountains and rocks to fall upon them, "he that sitteth in the heavens will laugh" (Psa. 2:4)! God laughs last!

Yea, they shall cry, "The day of His wrath is come! Who is able to stand?" Many ancient people considered cyclones, earthquakes, eclipses, and other unusual phenomena in the heavens as natural symbols of divine wrath. Seiss says, "The ancients regarded them as auguring and embodying the destroying power and wrath of deity. They are always and everywhere precursors and prophecies of the forthcoming judgment of God."

The Scriptures give us firm basis for the belief that the ancients were not far wrong in this belief. Time and time again in the Old Testament story we find the God of Israel manifesting supernatural power, showing forth signs and wonders to men of earth. "The Jews require a sign" (I Cor. 1:22 A.V.). The Church of God, however, requires not a sign. She walks by faith. Therefore, God has not, during the Church dispensation, manifested His power through compelling the forces of

nature to bring forth signs and wonders; but, when once the saints are translated and God again deals with Israel, then this old world may expect to see signs and wonders wrought by the God of Israel (Joel 2:30, 31), and also by Satan *within God's permissive will* (II Thess. 2:9-12; Rev. 13:11-15).

Before the march of Gog and his allies out of "the uttermost parts of the north" into the land of Palestine takes place, the saints of God will have been caught away into their hiding place prepared by Christ (Isa. 26:19-21). God will again be dealing with the Jews; and, verily, when Gog marches into Palestine the Jews will be yearning for some sign of divine favor, for in that day they will be in the midst of the greatest agony that they will ever be called upon to endure. Even as it is written:

"For thus saith Jehovah: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it" (Jer. 30:5-7).

And what shall be the sign? Hear it:

"For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the precious things of all nations shall come" (Hag. 2:6, 7).

And I believe just that!

The inspired penman of the book of Hebrews must have recalled to mind this prophecy of Haggai when God moved his quill to write:

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not when they refused him that warned them on earth, much more shall not we escape who turn away from him that warneth from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once

more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe: for our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:25-29).

What could be clearer: *The kingdom that CAN be shaken is the kingdom that will be removed. The "kingdom that CANNOT be shaken" is the kingdom that will remain.* All the kingdoms of this earth are yet to be shaken by a vast earthquake, which will not only *signify* their removal, but will *remove* them as well, that the kingdom of God may come to earth. And "his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Dan. 7:14). The very last judgment scene witnessed by the Apostle John in his vision of "the things which shall come to pass hereafter" (Rev. 1:19) is thus described:

"There came forth a great voice out of the temple, from the throne, saying, *It is done*: And there were lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And great hail, every stone about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great" (Rev. 16:17-21).

When the event depicted here shall have become history instead of prophecy, our great cities with their narrow streets, their filthy alleys, their unwholesome tenements, unfit for human habitation, will be no more. In one single stroke the God of Israel will do more to bring to a realization the Utopian

dreams of our social gospelists than they and their helpers have accomplished, or could accomplish, in ten thousand years.

Now to return to the prophecy of our prophet, Ezekiel. As Gog comes "riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army" (38:15), into Israel's land, the "wrath" of God comes up into his "nostrils" (38:18), or, as the Authorized Version states it:

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face."

Before that "fury" the earth shakes! Then "the mountains shall be thrown down and the steep places shall fall" (38:20). The very physical terrain of Palestine will be changed for the better accommodation of the multitudes that will dwell therein during the millennial reign of our Lord. It is to be noted that the prophet, in speaking of this earthquake, emphasizes the statement, "Surely *in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel.*" The violence of this earthquake will be confined, apparently, to the land that God quitclaimed to Abraham, even the "land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

While this seismic disturbance will set aquiver the whole globe, yet it is not to be confused with the earthquake that John describes in Revelation 16:18-21. The "great shaking in the land of Israel," foretold by Ezekiel, will signify the doom of the great North-Eastern Confederacy (Gog and his allies) then encamped upon the mountains of Abraham's land, and also the removal of whatever government the mandatory powers will have set up (or possibly a government which a restored Jewish nation will have set up).

The earthquake beheld by John is the last of all quakes that will ever shake this terrestrial sphere. It will level man's cosmos everywhere to the ground, as the "great hail" following will grind all the debris of man's glory into dust. Immediately after that last great shaking the heavens will open, and the Lord will descend, and cut to bits all the anti-God forces upon the face of the earth who dare to challenge His right to rule.

"Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 14, 15 A.V.).

Thereupon He will immediately establish His millennial reign. Cities will be remodeled and reconstructed for man's millennial habitation. However, they will be cities that will certainly far exceed the fondest daydreams of our twentieth-century cut Socialistic castle builders, Communistic pipe dreamers, Modernistic idealizers, and somniloquous pulpiteers! *Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

XXII

ANTICHRIST, THE "SWORD OF GOD" FOR THE JUDGMENT OF GOG

God Calls for a Sword Against Gog.

Terrifying as will be the earthquake that shall shake the legions of Gog as they enter into the land, it stops them not. One must read with amazement of the audacity with which the hordes of unregenerate men and women will fly into the face of the judgments of God as the day of their doom approaches. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (26:9).

But not so with the host of Gog. As it was with Pharaoh, so it will be with the Russian and German hordes and their Asiatic allies—their hearts will be all the harder after each passing judgment. There is such a thing for nations as for men—*passing Redemption Point!* Men and nations who,

"being darkened in their understanding, alienated from

the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness" (Eph. 4:18, 19).

"Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness . . . for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" (Rom. 1:24, 25).

A shaking earth, celestial and terrestrial disturbances, will not deter Gog from riding on, horses and horsemen, to victory or death! "'There are no fortresses which the Bolsheviks cannot take!' is not only Stalin's slogan," writes Louis Fischer from Moscow; "it has become a nation's creed" (*The Nation*, Nov. 13, 1935). *That* slogan will resound as Gog advances to—*death*! It is to be remembered that in those last days, after the departure of the saints, men and nations are going to be supernaturally energized and supernaturally directed. (Cf. II Thess. 2:8, 9; Rev. 13:11-15). Therefore, supernatural judgments will not deter them, although they may destroy them. To the very end, the Godless peoples will "blaspheme the name of God who hath the power over these plagues," but they will "repent *not* to give him glory" (Rev. 16:9).

Gog rides to meet God! Did ever a conqueror ride forth on more audacious ride? Fury is in the face of God, and wrath is in His nostrils, but He refuses to befoul His own holy hands by laying them directly upon the filthy beast. He simply calls for a "sword" to fulfil His will, as it is written, "*I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah*" (38:21). God calls, and the "sword" leaps forth from its scabbard to obey.

Whence this sword?

"The opening of thy words giveth light" (Psa. 119:130). We turn to God's great prophetic light-giver, Daniel. This prophet reveals a "king" who shall come at the time of the end, who "shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper

till the indignation be accomplished" (Dan. 11:36). Comparing this description with the description of the Antichrist in II Thess. 2:3, 4, 9 and Rev. 13:1-7, we can only conclude that Daniel's "willful king" is none other than the Antichrist, who is to come. Will the Antichrist be the "sword" which God will "call" to destroy Gog?

In spite of the erstwhile criticism that has come from various sources, I wish once again to reaffirm my deep conviction as to the reappearance of the Roman Empire on the world's stage in the form of an alliance of ten kings within the ancient boundaries of that Empire. It seems to me that it is one of the clearest and most emphatic assurances of divine revelation. It is not within the mission of this book to discuss this again in detail, although it must be reaffirmed. It was fully discussed in the articles which appeared a year ago in *The Sunday School Times*. Those articles are now printed in more permanent form in my book: "Light From Bible Prophecy." *

That there would be, in the last days, a revival of the Roman Empire is a fact that has been affirmed by the vast majority of Bible teachers and expositors since the days of the apostles. What a brilliant galaxy of scholars can be named. Bishop Newton quotes Tertullian, Cyril, Hilary, Ambrose, Augustine, and Chrysostom as believers in the fact that the Roman Empire would reappear in the last days in the form of a federation of ten kings. These men knew what was believed on this subject in the Apostolic Church. Some of their lives almost touched the lives of the apostles. Many more ancient worthies could be added to Bishop Newton's list: Irenæus, Hippolytus, Victorinus, Julius Africanus, Apollinarius, and others. In fact, the reappearance of the Roman Empire in the last days was accepted as prophetic truth almost universally in the early Christian Church. Recognized theologians of the Christian Church in every century since have affirmed it. Among our more modern teachers we can name the learned Tregelles, Marlorat, Maitland, Strange, Guinness, Bickersteth, Seiss, Brookes,

* Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

Baxter, Walter Scott, Torrey, Moorehead, Gray, Trumbull, Gaebelein, Brown, and scores upon scores of others.

But "good men have been mistaken." Yes, even so! Perhaps all these have been mistaken in their beliefs. However, *Daniel was not mistaken!* And when Daniel saw in "the ten toes" of the image which Nebuchadnezzar beheld in his dream, the very tiptoes of "the fourth kingdom," which no real historian on earth would hold to be other than Rome, then I, for one, accept Daniel's statement: "*The dream is certain and the interpretation thereof sure*" (Dan. 2:45). I regret that some of my brethren believe that the dream is anything but "certain" and that the interpretation is anything but "sure."

When this same wonderful prophet, Daniel, beheld the "fourth beast" (7:7), he saw *Rome*. If the first beast was Babylon and the second was Medo-Persia and the third was Greece, then the fourth was Rome. Now this "fourth beast" had "ten horns." Those "horns" BELONGED TO THAT "BEAST"! They cannot come upon the scene when the hour arrives perched upon some other head than the beast that grew them—*Rome!* The Roman Empire must come along with the horns! Now, those "ten horns" which are "ten kings" had "received no kingdom as yet" in the days of St. John—at the very close of the first century of the Christian era. It is written:

"And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. These have one mind, and they give their power and authority unto the beast. These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings. . . . For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished" (Rev. 17:12-14, 17).

So far as the writer is concerned, Mussolinis, Hitlers, and Stalins may come and they may go. The maps of the world to-day change over night. That matters not. When the clock of the eternal God strikes the hour, there will appear on the scene Satan's "king of kings"—*the Antichrist*—at the head of a great

Roman Confederacy—states that have been carved out of the territory which was once Cæsar's. "The kingdom shall be *divided*" (Dan. 2:41 A.V.), even as it *is* "divided" at this day; yet, in association, it will be *one* kingdom.

As I have been writing these words, our President has been telling the world, over the radio and through the press, that this present World War *must* end in an "*association of nations*" in order that a lasting peace may ensue and endure. Interesting? Even so! And it would be more interesting, and also very surprising, could we know just what nations will be "associated" when the hour arrives. Be it known, however, that God, and not man, will determine what nations will be in that "association." Again, weigh well the statement:

"For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished" (Rev. 17:17).

Verily, "the scripture cannot be broken"!

Now, "ten kings" will not lightly yield their armed might to a single individual, no matter how great he may be. Alliances are usually forced into existence by the stress of circumstances. Just what is it that will compel these "ten kings" to surrender their power into the hands of "the beast"—*Antichrist*?

The present World War is a *spiritual* affair. It is a clash of "isms"—of ideologies. Unregenerate men and women are the pawns of forces unseen. And the forces that will march to the last great battlefields that will bring to an end man's rule on the earth will be forces arrayed against each other because of the ideologies to which they are devoted.

Under Gog will be the mobilization of the irreligious—utterly *god-less* and *God-less* forces of the earth. Under Antichrist will be the mobilization of the religious, but unregenerate (*God-less*) forces of the earth. Now, study your map of the nations now within the ancient boundaries of Rome and you will be struck by the fact that, in the main, they are still "very religious" nations. Over most of them sits that ancient and still mighty power—Papal Rome. What can force these "religious"

nations to cease warring with each other and associate themselves in one common purpose?

Will it not be the specter of the great godless North-eastern Confederacy, poised for the battle to conquer the earth, communize it, and drive all gods from its face? It will be the mobilization of all the resources of the godless against the gods, including the God of Israel, that will motivate the "ten kings" to organize a federation against a Bolshevik world.

This being true, then Daniel assuredly reveals the last "line of march" of the Antichrist. From some direction that it is not our purpose to discuss here, the Antichrist is to "enter . . . into the glorious land" (Dan. 11:41), which can only be Palestine, march on past "Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon," down into Egypt. There "all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (Dan. 11:43).

While exulting in his victorious march into Egypt, suddenly something greatly disturbs the conqueror.

"Tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain" (Dan. 11:44, 45).

"He shall go forth"—that is, he shall backtrack into "the glorious land," there in "great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many." Who is the foe he so furiously meets and so ferociously destroys? It cannot be Israel, for Israel is not to be destroyed and utterly swept away. Moreover, God would never "call for a sword" to destroy and "utterly sweep away" Israel. The foe is evidently to come "out of the east and out of the north,"—a description not of the little strip of land known as Palestine, but a vast confederacy of nations "out of the east and out of the north." If Israel is not the foe whose activities will suddenly infuriate the Antichrist, then, pray, who may that foe be? The revelation of God reveals only one possibility—*Gog and his allied hordes*, for they are they who are to "fall

upon the mountains of Israel" (Ezek. 39:4), and to be utterly swept away into "the realms of Pluto."

If any should stagger at the thought of God taking control of the Antichrist, and making him the "sword" to perform His will in the judgment of Gog, such a one should be reminded that it would not be the first time that God commanded the foremost swashbucklers of hell to crawl out of their nests and go forth to carry out His purposes.

Once upon a time, it will be recalled, God decreed wrath upon apostate Israel and upon the heathen nations round about. Then He said:

"Behold, I will send . . . Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, *my servant*, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them" (Jer. 25:9).

Again, when the Gentile laid low the City of David, God decreed that He would compel the Gentile to rebuild it. Therefore, one hundred and thirty years before Cyrus was even born, God "saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built; and of the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid" (Isa. 44:28).

And when the hour struck, Cyrus the Great, founder of the great world empire of Persia, issued his edict of emancipation, and the work of rebuilding Jerusalem began. Satan is mighty. God is Almighty. And when God decrees it so, Satan will drop on "all fours" and become His beast of burden.

God "calls for a sword." Antichrist, dumbly ignorant that he is serving the God of Israel, breaks camp in Egypt, and goes to the battle with Gog. They meet at the foot of Mt. Carmel, in the valley of Esdraelon. There can be, of course, only one outcome of that battle. God will speak, and immediately the allied legions will seem to be bereft of reason. Celestial and terrestrial disturbances are disturbing to the reason of men. It may be having this effect now. The news of the approach of the Antichrist will not help their reason. Fierce civil war will burst forth amongst the huge coalition armies from the northlands,

and "every man's sword" will be "against his brother" (38:21)—they will sheathe their swords in each other's bowels. The Antichrist will arrive with his allied forces from Egypt, and complete the awful work. It is broadly indicated as to the weapons the Antichrist will use in the destruction of Gog and his allies:

"And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone" (38:22).

We have lived to see the day when the methods of warfare that are the Devil's own need no amplification!

The final result is clearly stated:

"Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. . . . Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land" (Ezek. 39:1, 4, 5, 11, 12).

Though it will take seven long months to complete the obsequies, yet the Jews won't mind doing a little thing like burying Gog! In fact, they probably will enjoy it. Of all that vast martial array, only "one-sixth" will live to cripple back over the mountains into their northern homes to tell the awful story!

And thus the power and the glory of the mighty Gog, with Gomer, Persia, Cush, Put, and Togarmah, and any other en-

emies of Israel in that hour, will be buried deep under the desert shrubbery, where Jewish feet will promenade above the ashes for a thousand years to come!

XXIII

"THE KINGS THAT COME FROM THE SUNRISING"

It is only to be expected in the present stress, when war-lords of Japan are overrunning the Far East, and since the affairs of Japan are more or less interwoven with those of Russia, that the readers of these pages should ask if Japan has a place within the prophetic spotlight.

Bible prophecies, as they deal with the nations of the earth, concern themselves almost, if not entirely, with those nations that touch Israel or Israel's land. Therefore, nations that are remote from Palestine are rarely, if ever, in any prophetic picture.

For instance, China is the most populous country on the face of the earth today. One out of every four babes to open their eyes on the light of day comes from the womb of a Chinese mother. Yet there is a question as to whether that great nation, remote from Palestine, was seen at all by the ancient prophets of Israel. The only passage in the entire Scripture wherein commentators see a possible reference to China is in Isaiah 49:12, where we read:

"Lo, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west: and these from the land of Sinim."

Most commentators believe "Sinim" to be a reference to China, although some oppose that view. The writer believes that China is in view, and agrees with John D. Davis in his *Dictionary of the Bible*, wherein he says:

"The most prevalent view is that the Chinese are meant. . . . Does it seem strange that the name of the Chinese should be known in western Asia? It is historically certain from the Chinese records that Chinese merchants visited foreign lands as early as the twelfth century B.C., and that foreign merchants entered China as early as the tenth century. . . . Porcelain ware with Chinese characters written upon it has been discovered at Thebes in Egypt."

We know of no scripture that is a direct reference to Japan. Japan was unknown to that part of the world wherein the prophets dwelt. However, we do believe that Japan is one of "the kings of the east" (Rev. 16:12 A.V.) and when the curtain rings down upon our age, may prove to occupy the same powerful position among them that Gog occupies among the kings of the north.

While there is, at best, a veiled reference to the vast nation of China, yet lands such as Persia, Dedan, Moab and Edom loom large on the stage. The insignificant land becomes a significant land the moment it becomes linked in any way with the chosen seed of Abraham through Isaac. The moment you touch the Jew, God is concerned. Is it not written: "Ho Zion . . . he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye" (Zech. 2:7, 8)?

However, it is written that when "the seven bowls of the wrath of God" (Rev. 16:1) are to be poured out unto the earth, that the sixth bowl will be poured out "upon the great river, the river Euphrates; and the water thereof" will be "dried up, that the way might be made ready for *the kings that come from the sunrising*" (Rev. 16:12). And this takes place in that day when the "spirits of demons, working signs [shall] go forth unto the kings of the whole world to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty" (Rev. 16:14).

Now, standing upon the Mount of Olives, the heart of the land of the prophecies, just where would you look to behold "the kings that come from the sunrising"? Can anyone believe that the "king" upon whose banners is emblazoned the emblem

of the rising sun is a "king" that will not be numbered among "the kings that come from the sunrising"?

When the fateful day arrives and the sun of Gentile dominion sets in the western sky, the sunrise flag will take its place among the flags of the sunset, despite its name. The "Sun" that shall "arise with healing in its wings" will rise from Jerusalem and not from Tokyo!

However, if we are nearing the end of the age, and the fore-shadows of Armageddon are falling athwart the world, it is to be borne in mind that *the sun that arises in Japan is fore-doomed to set*, not in China, nor Australia, nor India, but *in Palestine!* Believing, as the writer assuredly does believe, that human government has collapsed, and that "It is time for Thee, O Lord, to work" (Psa. 119:126), we were not perturbed in the least when the leather-faced, bristle-topped Isoroku Yamamoto, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese fleet, made his boast: "I shall not be content merely to occupy Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii, and San Francisco. I shall look forward to dictating peace to the United States in the White House at Washington." Turn your face the other way, if you please, Mr. Yamamoto! You are to travel westward, not eastward! You may not like the full significance of it, Admiral; but, already your own people are saying it of you—"Going West!" Blocked to the east, blocked to the north, blocked to the south—but turned and traveling victoriously on the sunset way—not by the Madagascar-Suez-Mediterranean route, but via the Burma-China overland route. Never mind the great Euphrates—wide and deep! *When the final day comes*, that river will be "dried up" (Rev. 16:12) to make the way easy for you and your associates!

We cannot know just how near we are to the Gentile sunset. If we are farther away from it than we think, Japan is doomed to defeat. But *if* the nations are even now mobilizing for Armageddon, then no navies, no armies, no tanks and no planes of allied nations will be able to keep her from joining in a victorious march, via the Euphrates route, to join the "multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision" where the Lord of hosts will "sit to judge all the nations round about"—nations

whose "harvests are ripe" and "whose wickedness is great." (Cf. Joel 3:11-16).

Japan is utterly pagan. She has long believed that she is predestinated by the gods that be to rule the earth. She is utterly Antichrist in spirit. In due time she will join the colors of the false Christ who is to be given "authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation" (Rev. 13:7); but, only "*until* He come whose right it is" (Ezek. 21:27) to reign!

XXIV

THE "BATTLE OF GOG" VS. THE "BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON"

So far as telling the story of Gog as, in my judgment, that story was revealed to the prophets, my task is finished. And yet it would leave more than one reader in a quandary should we close the story here. "What about the Antichrist?" That question would arise in the minds of all. Others would ask, "Is not this battle describing the overthrow of Gog the battle of Armageddon?" I dare not close this volume without offering an answer to those queries.

Many teachers who usually have a very clear view of prophetic truth fall into the sad error of thinking that the great battle portrayed by Ezekiel is the battle of Armageddon. Let us make no mistake here. The battles are *two*—not *one*! The battle in which Gog goes to his doom *precedes* the battle of Armageddon.

For the purpose of distinguishing between the two, let us call the battle described by Ezekiel, "*The Battle of Gog.*" For the other battle let us take the usual designation—"The Battle of Armageddon."

A. In the "Battle of Gog" the allies of Gog are very definitely named: Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Togarmah. These

nations I have already tried to clearly identify. Whether my identification of them is wholly correct or not, there is surely no one who will argue that Gog and his allies take in "*all* nations." If so, why name them? The expression, "all nations," should suffice.

B. Now, concerning the "Battle of Armageddon" the statement is sweeping. The Lord, through Joel said: "I will gather *all nations* and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment upon them there" (3:2). The Lord, through Zephaniah the prophet, said:

"Therefore wait ye for me, . . . for my determination is to *gather the nations*, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for *all the earth* shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy" (3:8).

Again, through His prophet Zechariah, the Lord said:

"I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; . . . and *all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it*" (12:3).

And again:

"I will gather *all nations* against Jerusalem to battle. . . . Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations. . . . And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east" (14:2-4).

A. In the "Battle of Gog" we find that Gog and his allies ALL come forth from "the uttermost parts of the north" (38:6). It is repeated (v. 15): "And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee." And, a third time (39:2): "I . . . will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north."

B. Now, in the "Battle of Armageddon" the forces that come up against Jerusalem come forth from the whole earth—from the uttermost parts of the south, and of the east, and of the west, as well as out of the north. St. John, in his vision, referred to one of these groups as "the kings that come from the

sunrising" (Rev. 16:12). The sun doesn't rise "in the uttermost parts of the north."

Moreover, the Seer of Patmos saw that when Satan shall have gathered his forces "together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon" (16:16), in that array "*the kings of the whole world*" would be assembled "together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty" (16:14). Then the heaven will open, and the Son of God will descend to battle with "the beast, and *the kings of the earth*, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army" (Rev. 19:19).

A. In the "Battle of Gog" the direct purpose of Gog and his allies in coming against the land of Israel is "to take the spoil and to take the prey" from "the people that . . . have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth" (38:12).

B. In the "Battle of Armageddon" the nations of the earth gather "against Jerusalem," not so much with pillage as their purpose as with the evil thought of the annihilation of the earthly people of God.

A. At the "Battle of Gog," when Gog and his allies descend "like a cloud to cover the land" of Israel, there will be a great protest by certain nations against Gog's brigandage.

B. In the "Battle of Armageddon" there will be no protesting nations. "All nations" will be agreed as they join in the rape of Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be without "a friend in court," except in the court of Heaven.

A. At the "Battle of Gog" we are distinctly told that Gog (Russia) will be the "guard unto them" (38:7), or, as the margin reads, "*a commander* unto them." Gog will be the commander-in-chief.

B. In the "Battle of Armageddon" it is the "beast," *even the Antichrist*, who shall be commander-in-chief of "the kings of the earth, and their armies" (Rev. 19:19). He will be exercising his position as the head of ten kings who will have "come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished" (Rev. 17:17).

A. In the "Battle of Gog" Ezekiel saw Gog overthrown "with

pestilence and with blood" and a "rain upon him," even "an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone" (38:22).

B. In the "Battle of Armageddon" John saw "the kings of the earth" overthrown by "a sharp sword" which "out of his mouth proceedeth" (Rev. 19:15). The implements for the destruction of Gog are the well-known instruments of destruction even now being used by the vast armies that are interlocked in the present world conflict. The enemies of God who are overthrown on Armageddon's battlefield are executed by the "word of God, . . . active, and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12).

A. In the "Battle of Gog" the prophet saw Gog, Gomer, Persia, Cush, Put, and Togarmah as the leading forces arrayed for battle out upon "the open field." "Thou shalt fall *upon the open field*; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah" (39:5).

B. In the "Battle of Armageddon" the prophets visualized "*all* nations against Jerusalem to battle; and *the city* shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east" (Zech. 14:2-4). Again, it is written:

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and upon Judah also shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:2, 3).

Clearly, the *sites* of the two battles are not the same.

A. At the "Battle of Gog" our Lord will "call for a sword" (38:21) to execute his judgment upon His enemies.

B. At the "Battle of Armageddon" our Lord calls to none to execute His sentence of judgment. It is written:

"I have trodden the winepress *alone*; and of the peoples there was *no man with me*: yea, I trod them in mine anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I have stained all my raiment. For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore *mine own arm* brought salvation unto me; and my wrath, it upheld me. And I trod down the peoples in mine anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth" (Isa. 63:3-6).

Surely, the battles are *two*—not *one*!

XXV

THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST AND HIS OVERTHROW AT ARMAGEDDON

The Enthronement of God-less Religion.

Let us now pause at this juncture and get our bearings. It should be borne in mind that the born-again saints of God will have been translated before the overthrow of Gog. In the overthrow of Gog "the god-less," Atheism, Nihilism, Naturalism, and all the other noxious *god-less* isms, will receive their death blow. Irreligion will wane, and religion will be enthroned. Farewell then to "The Society for the Militant God-less," and all its ilk. Strange but true it is that after the Church has been removed from the earth, and Gog, the god-less, has been destroyed, then when the Antichrist shall reign supreme, all the world shall become very religious, and worship—*what?*

A god Enthroned.

A god, but not *the* God, will be exalted in the earth. Naturalism will go to an eternal sleep with its fathers. Supernaturalism will incarnate itself in the bosom of all mankind. The one who will be enthroned, and "sit in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God," will be the one "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power, and signs and lying wonders" (II Thess. 2:4, 9). "And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men" (Rev. 13:13), "and all that dwell on the earth shall worship" the beast (Rev. 13:8)! With the destruction of Gog and the enthronement of a god we will have the most religious world, and, at the same time, the most un-Godly world of all time! That may seem paradoxical, but it will be true nevertheless. Jesus said so! Listen!

"But the unclean spirit, when he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not. Then he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation" (Matt. 12:43-45).

"An evil generation" will cast out *Gog*, the *god*-less, and in his stead will enthrone a *god*, the *God*-less. And if *Gog*, the *god*-less, has been possessed of an "unclean spirit," *god*, the *God*-less, will be possessed of "seven other spirits more wicked" than the unclean spirit of *Gog* the *god*-less.

The most cruel, the most heartless, the most unjust, the most devilish, the most hellish thing that has ever cursed this earth is *God*-less religion. They were not the irreligious who created the uproar and the furore against Paul at Ephesus, but, rather, they were intensely religious folks, shouting, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" (Acts 19:34)! They were not irreligious throngs that mocked Paul on "Mars' hill" in Athens, but directly the opposite:

"And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said, Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that *ye are very religious*. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:22, 23).

"O Christ, what crimes are committed in Thy name!" cried the martyr, as in the power of a God-less, Christ-less *religion* he writhed and burned at the stake. It was not Pilate, the civil power, that spat upon Jesus and demanded His death; it was religion—the extremely religious Pharisees, Sadducees, and scribes—that led the mob through the streets of Jerusalem, crying: "Crucify him! crucify him!" It was not, in fact, civil power that fed the early Christians to the lions and tigers or burned them alive as living torches on Nero's race courses. They were the devout worshippers of the *gods* who tortured to death millions of Christians. They were not atheists who stood before the members of the body of Christ as they writhed and agonized through the most excruciating tortures flesh and blood can know; but, rather, they were ultra-religious priests who held up the crucifix, demanding obeisance to it as the price of liberation from agony and death.

Antichrist's Brief Reign.

When Gog, the *god*-less, disappears from the scene, then a god, the *God*-less, will immediately come, armed with supernatural but Satanic, power. Of his coming, it is written:

"And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast who hath the stroke of the sword and lived. And it was given unto him to give breath to it, even to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there

be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead; And that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name" (Rev. 13:13-17).

Instead of destroying religion he will enforce religion. Instead of scoffing at the supernatural he will incarnate it. Instead of demanding cessation of worship he will set up a god and impose worship. Instead of denying the Christ he will proclaim the "Christ"—that is, *himself*! Therefore the solemn warning of the Christ:

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or, Here; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told you beforehand" (Matt. 24:23-25).

Yes, the hour of the Antichrist is coming. He will come to the zenith of his power after he, at the head of ten *religious*, professedly Christian, but truly unregenerate, nations, marches out of Egypt into Palestine and destroys Gog the god-less. When, at the zenith of his power, he will follow in the wake of all God-less dictators—he will give the world a god—*himself*! "And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, every one whose name hath not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain" (Rev. 13:8).

However, there will be one group on the earth in that day who will not be deceived. It will be the Jew. The Jew will receive the Antichrist, when he first appears, as a liberator from the overthrown Jew-baiting alliance, Gomer-Gog. For Christ plainly declared to the Jews who rejected Him:

"I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" (John 5:43).

But, after receiving the Antichrist for a very brief time as their Messiah, a sad awakening will come to the Jews. When the Antichrist sets up his image and demands all the world to

worship it, the Jews will instantly perceive his true character. Whatever else the Jew is *today*, he is not a worshiper of idols. Perceiving the true character of the Antichrist, the Jew will find himself in the role of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

Again he will refuse to worship the Nebuchadnezzar-like image that will be set up. Again there will be the "covenant" between the world-ruler and the Jew broken (Cf. Dan. 9:27.) Again will the order go forth to "heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated" (Dan. 3:19). The city of Jerusalem itself will become that furnace of fire when "all the people of the earth [shall] be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:3). And as Nebuchadnezzar "commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace" (Dan. 3:20), so the mighty men of the earth will be commanded by the Antichrist to go forth against Jerusalem and destroy it (Zech. 14:2). And as it was at the furnace of Nebuchadnezzar, "because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego" (Dan. 3:22); even thus, when the nations, under the Antichrist, make their last march against the City of David, "all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces" (Zech. 12:3 A.V.) and fed to the fowls of the air. (See Rev. 19:17-21.) It was "the Son of God" (Dan. 3:25 A.V.) appearing upon the scene that saved the Jews from Nebuchadnezzar's furnace of fire. It will be the Son of God, astride His magnificent white charger, dashing forth out of the open heavens, that will save the Jews when Antichrist will order their destruction, even as it is written:

"Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives" (Zech. 14:3, 4).

St. John also beheld Israel's deliverance:

"And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white

horse, and he that sat thereon called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . .

"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: And the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, even the sword which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh" (Rev. 19:11, 19-21).

That dear old Scotch saint, Horatius Bonar, envisioned "The Day After Armageddon." He quoted Ezekiel 7:14:

"They have blown the trumpet, . . . but none goeth to the battle."

Then he picked up that wonderful pen of his and wrote:

" 'Tis the summons to battle!
But the cry is unheard;
The trumpet has spoken;
Not a warrior has stirred.

"Hark, the summons to battle!
It has sounded again;
Still louder and keener;—
It has sounded in vain.

"Yet a third time and shriller,
That war-note has blown;
But the answer that cometh
Is the echo alone.

" 'Tis the silence of silence!
Tower, tent, vale, and hill,
Field, forest, and highway,—
All soundless and still!

"No challenge is lifted;

No signal unfurled;
'Tis man's dark hour of terror,
The awe of the world.

"For the arm of Jehovah
Has been bared in its might,
And the sword of His vengeance
Has been burnished to smite.

"Through the ridges of battle
His ploughshare has sped;
And the tents of the living
Are the tombs of the dead.

"The rude roar of millions
Is hushed in an hour;
The array of the mighty
Is crushed in its power.

"'Twas man's proudest muster
Of sinew and steel:
His army of armies,
Mail-clad to the heel.

"No sun had e'er dawned on
So fearful a day;
No trumpet had marshalled
So dread an array.

"As if earth in her frenzy,
From each region afar,
Had poured forth her nations
For the shock of that war.

"In the flush of their manhood,
In the bud of their prime,
In veteran ripeness,—
The men of each clime.

"Came thronging and rushing,
Like rivers in flood,

Defying the terrors
And vengeance of God.

“For the ruler of darkness,
The god of this world,
Had summoned his armies,
His banner unfurled.

“As the storm-cloud it gathered,
As the lightning it sped;
As the mist it has vanished;—
All is still as the dead.

“Like the desert at midnight,—
Not a breath nor a beam;
'Tis the silence of silence,
The dream of a dream.

“Now, chains for the spoiler!
Dark and swift be his doom!
Thou hast trodden the nations,—
Thy treading is come!

“Earth, cease now thy wailing,
Thy wounds bleed no more;
Lo, the curse is departing,
Thy sorrows are o'er!

“Rise, daughter of Judah;
Awake now and sing;
It has come, the glad kingdom,
He has come, the great King!

“Thy long night is ending
Of sorrow and wrong;
For shame there is glory,
For weeping a song.

“The new morn is dawning,
Bursts forth the new sun;
The new verdure is smiling,
The new age is begun.”